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Ceasefire in Rhodesia expected tomorrow

:asefire in the guerrilla war along Rhodesia's 'hern border is expected to be announced orrow by Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime ister, according to reports in Salisbury. It is :ved that the truce will be the first stage of an ement to be reached between Rhodesia, :h Africa and black African countries.

In Lusaka, where three African presidents have been discussing Rhodesia with nationalist leaders, the talks were reported to have been complicated by differences between the two main guerrilla movements. The Zanu group was said to be reluctant to abandon military activity.

Broadcast by Mr Smith awaited

Our Correspondent
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Ian Smith, the Prime ter, is expected to an- e this weekend a ceasefire ie war on Rhodesia's ern border and a general ion of activities by guer- into South-West Africa outh Africa.

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s believed that a halt to uerrilla war will be the stage of an accord to be ed between Rhodesia, Africa and black nations of the Zambezi. The end hting would pave the way oncerted negotiations to Rhodesia's nine-year-old rational dispute with n and Mr Smith might hint at what progress is made in this direction.

rces close to the Rhodesian rnment have emphasized a ceasefire in the border vill not automatically lead to a political settlement. But there is no doubt of the quiet optimism in Government circles.

The Rhodesian Government will certainly want to see a ceasefire working before it commits itself to any political decisions. Guerrillas will have to lay down their arms openly and infiltration over the border must cease. The ceasefire is said to be Mr Smith's prerequisite for settlement negotiations.

Mr Smith said last weekend that he would be taking part in any negotiations from strength both from the economic and security aspect. Certainly recent figures indicate that the security forces are on top in the border war. Six more guerrillas were reported killed today, bringing to 20 the number to have died in the past week.

Since October 1, 90 guerrillas have been killed and this has been the most successful period of anti-guerrilla activity since the incursions began two years ago.

The total number of guerrillas reported killed in the past two years now stands at 498. In the same period 170 civilians—153 of them black—have lost their lives and 50 members of the Rhodesian and South African security forces have died.

Lusaka, Dec 6.—Talks between three African Presidents and nationalist leaders aimed at a Rhodesian settlement are being complicated by differences between the two main guerrilla movements, Jnformed sources said today.

The talks will resume again tomorrow but a State House spokesman said President Nyerere of Tanzania and Sir Seretse Khama of Botswana, who have joined President Kaunda in Lusaka, will be leaving for home in the afternoon.

The sources said the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu) was reluctant to abandon its relatively successful military campaign in north-eastern Rhodesia in exchange for some kind of accommodation with Salisbury, including a ceasefire.

The Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu), which has been less active in the field, is more willing to lay down its arms if the terms are right, the sources added.

The talks involve the three presidents and the Zapu and Zanu leaders, Mr Nkomo and Mr Sithole, who are on parole from jail in Rhodesia, the sources said. Bishop Muzorewa, leader of the African National Council, Rhodesia's main legal African political grouping, is also at the meeting.

Zambia has so far not acknowledged that the three Rhodesian nationalist leaders are in Lusaka and has said the three presidents are holding routine talks on matters of mutual interest.

Dealing with possible terms for a settlement, the sources said it was wrong to believe that some kind of neat package was being discussed.

It was more reasonable to think in terms of a series of proposals by Rhodesia and perhaps other interested parties which might, if the rivalry problem is overcome, become the basis for a settlement.

It is believed that Mr Sithole and Mr Nkomo have been consulting local Zanu and Zapu officials. Both movements have offices in Lusaka. For the past two days it has been impossible to get in touch with either Mr Herbert Chitepo, the Zanu national chairman, or Mr Jason Moyo, the Zapu national treasurer.

Unemployed in US and Germany at new peaks

By Our Business News Staff

Sharp rises in unemployment in both the United States and West Germany were announced yesterday, confirming the already unmistakable evidence that the world is heading into a severe recession this winter.

The number out of work in the United States jumped in November by 469,000 to 5,975,000 which represents 6.5 per cent, the highest level since October, 1961. This figure is expected to rise next month as the full effects of the car crisis and the lay-offs caused by the coal strike take effect.

The West German situation, though less serious, shows a striking deterioration. The unemployment rate there reached 3.5 per cent last month with 799,300 out of work, a total which is almost certain to pass the million mark within the next three months, according to official estimates.

Although definitions of unemployment differ from country to country, it is clear that both the United States and West Germany are suffering severer problems than Britain, where the latest figures put the rate at 2.7 per cent. The severity of the problem in the two strongest economies in the western world is likely to strengthen the position of those such as Mr Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who have been arguing for world action to avoid a major depression.

Frank Vogl writes from Washington: The jump in unemployment could trigger off more reflationary economic policies here. Earlier this week President Ford told *Newsweek* magazine that he would consider policies to give greater stimulus to the economy if the general situation worsens significantly. "I would say 6.5 per cent (unemployment) would be indicative of a very serious added deterioration", he said.

Mr John Shiskin, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labour Statistics, informed the joint economic committee of Congress today that unemployment almost certainly exceeded the level reported for November and that it was still rising and widespread throughout the economy.

The Administration will face mounting pressures from Congress now for greatly expanded public works programmes and for significant increases in unemployment benefits. However, much of the unemployment rise reflects temporary lay-offs in minufacturing industries, where those out of work are still receiving a high percentage of their former full incomes.

The Department of Labour noted that unemployment in manufacturing industries, where to 7.3 per cent from 6.2 per cent. The construction industry, which has long been the most depressed industrial sector, now has an unemployment rate of 13.9 per cent against 12.2 per cent in October.

Unemployment was sharpest last month among women and blacks, the rises being of one per cent to 6.6 per cent and of 0.8 per cent to 11.7 per cent respectively.

Dan van der Vat writes from Bonn: Dr Josef Stingl, president of the Federal Labour Office, announcing the figures, said they were the worst for any November since 1956, when 3.7 per cent of the labour force had been out of work.

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Government to take big holding in British Leyland as price of mounting cash rescue operation

By Michael Hatfield
Political Staff

The Government is to take an important shareholding in British Leyland, the country's biggest exporter and biggest car manufacturer.

Although the company's difficulties were well known, the timing of the announcement in the Commons yesterday by Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, took MPs by surprise. Not many were present when he made his statement.

He would not indicate the proposed size of the state share in the company, but there was a widespread suspicion among politicians that the Government has in mind a majority shareholding.

Mr Benn said in his statement: "In response to the company's request for support for their investment programme, the Government also intend to introduce longer-term arrangements, including a measure of public ownership."

When questioned, he said that until the team led by Sir Don Ryder, which is to inquire into the state of the company, revealed how much support was needed, the extent of public participation would not become apparent.

In reply to another question, he said: "If the Government are required to put substantial sums of money into British Leyland in view of its importance to our national economy, it is quite right that the taxpayer in making that contribution should get with it an appropriate measure of public control and accountability.

"I do not see why the taxpayer should be put at any special advantage vis-à-vis any other investor, given that other investors when they put their money in automatically expect they will get an appropriate measure of control."

Mr Benn added in his statement: "Discussions have been taking place with the company regarding both its short-term requirements for working capital and its long-term investment programme.

Lord Stokes, British Leyland's chairman, leaving yesterday for talks in Cairo on a new factory for Arab markets.

"Because of the company's position in the economy as a leading exporter and of its importance to employment, both directly and through the many firms that are dependent on it, the Government are informing the company's bankers that the approval of Parliament will be sought for a guarantee of the working capital required over and above existing facilities. I am satisfied that this will enable the company's requirements to continue to be met without interruption.

"In response to the company's request for support for their investment programme, the Government also intend to introduce longer-term arrangements, including a measure of public ownership. In order to help the Government in framing a scheme for this purpose, it is proposed to appoint a high-level team, led by Sir Don Ryder, including members drawn from the IDAB [the Department of Industry's industrial advisory board], to advise on the company's situation and prospects, and the team will consult the company and the trade unions in the course of their work.

"A further statement about the arrangements for the inquiry team will be made shortly, and I will also put before the House the proposed guarantee to the banks for their approval."

Replying to Mr Heseltine, Opposition spokesman on industry, Mr Benn said that on the amount of the guarantee it would be sensible for MPs to await the study to be undertaken by the inquiry team. He was not in a position to give an authoritative answer at this stage. Finance For Industry might possibly have a role, but Mr Heseltine should await the team's report and Mr Benn's report to Parliament.

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Bankers are asked to give car group immediate financial aid

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

A consortium of bankers comprising Barclays, Lloyds, Midland, National Westminster and First National City is being asked by the Government to provide big additional sums of working capital to British Leyland under a Treasury guarantee. The amount is still the subject of urgent negotiation between the Department of Industry, the Bank of England, and the company's financial advisers.

The guarantee is intended to buy time while an inquiry team, led by Sir Don Ryder, prepares a report for Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, on what further financial support may be required to safeguard the company's longer-term investment.

The findings will be crucial in determining the size of the state shareholding, which is to be a condition of assistance under the Industry Act.

Mr Benn will announce soon the names of the other members of the inquiry team; they are to include some members of the department's industrial advisory board, which is headed by Mr Robert Clark, a merchant banker, and includes Sir Raymond Brookes and Mr Adrian Cadbury.

Whitehall sources suggested yesterday that up to £100m of special support may be required, but half of that could form a short-term borrowing facility over and above present City funds.

Lord Stokes, the chairman of British Leyland, declined to make any comment yesterday before leaving for Cairo, where negotiations are taking place on the possibility of building an assembly plant to serve Arab markets.

But Mr John Barber, executive deputy chairman and managing director, moved quickly to reassure the group's 175,000 employees, distributors, shareholders and customers by describing some reports of the present difficulties as "far too alarmist".

Britain's biggest exporter, he said, had made no secret of its long-term capital investment needs and would welcome a satisfactory outcome of discussions taking place with the Government. Shareholders would be consulted at the appropriate time.

"It is true that, like most other industrial companies in the United Kingdom, we are suffering from the effects of inflation and additionally, as a motor company, we are facing lower markets in the immediate future", he said.

"Inevitably this means that money is tight. But we anticipated the position way back in January and have been taking action to conserve cash all this year. For example, by restricting hiring we have reduced manpower by 10,000 people, largely by wastage."

Mr Barber added that the external economic position was not improving. The economy campaign had been intensified.

"We have no plans for large-scale redundancies or plant closures unless the position deteriorates", he said. "We do not have excess stocks. In fact, we have no stock of finished vehicles other than those normally awaiting dispatch, and some cars are held up temporarily by the Triumph strike. Our distributors and dealers generally have adequate stocks of most of our models.

"Today's announcement makes no immediate difference to the day-to-day operation of

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·ances have been given to oil companies here will be no delay in the development ırth Sea oilfields found up to the end of year, as the result of a new policy that 'the Government powers to control the f production. Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of for Energy, said yesterday that the Govern- wanted to build up production as quickly ssible over the next few years. The oil anies will also be told the rate of the leum revenue tax early next year rather in the Budget to help them with their cial planning.

licy on refining and disposing North Sea vas also announced. Up to two-thirds of uction will be refined in Britain and com- s will be expected to change the balance eir refinery operation to cut down imports pensive petrol and naphtha.

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Intense speculation was caused yesterday at the Franco-Soviet summit in Rambouillet, when Mr Brezhnev (above) and Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, failed to attend the luncheon for four which President Giscard d'Estaing had ordered at The Pheasantry, a rustic shooting lodge. Obviously there had been no hitch in the talks, to judge from the warmth with which Mr Brezhnev shook hands with the President just before the meal. Most likely he was feeling the strain of the prolonged and intensive discussions. M Sauvagnargues, the French Foreign Minister, did turn up for the luncheon, apparently on top form, although he was taken suddenly ill before Thursday night's banquet.

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aelis shoot guerrilla

Arab guerrilla wounded two Israelis in a ut near the Lebanon border yesterday e he was himself shot and killed. The lis said no trace could be found of other illas but the Palestinians said the dead was a casualty in a successful guerrilla

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Shepherd, coordinating minister on popu- matters, made it clear yesterday the rnment plans no immediate action to con- Britain's population. He said it might be sary to stimulate population growth if in was faced with a rapidly declining lation.

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Usual bread deliveries expected by Tuesday

By Raymond Perman
Labour Staff

Bread supplies should be normal on Tuesday after the decision last night by the Bakers' Union to call off its four-day old strike but to retain a ban on Sunday working.

Mr Stanley Gretton, general secretary, said there could be some bread in shops late on Monday. The action stopped production of three quarters of the bread normally eaten in England and Wales.

The union executive voted by 14 to three to accept the award of the independent arbitrator appointed by the Conciliation and Arbitration Service. They did so with disappointment, Mr Gretton said.

The union was clearly influenced by the social contract. The seriousness of rejecting the decision of the first arbitration by the CAS was outlined to the executive by Mr James Mortimer, chairman of the arbitration service.

Mr Christopher Child, president of the union, said that the settlement was bound to disappoint some members and there is likely to be some unofficial action next week.

The award gives production workers a basic rate of £28.50 for 40 hours. They will also receive £4.40 in threshold payments, but those will not count for overtime premiums. The union had demanded a basic £40 and an offer of £30 had been rejected in a ballot.

For 48 hours a week men on day shifts will receive £41.45. Those on night shifts will receive £48.86. Average earnings will be lower than before the strike, but this is because of the union's determination to end Sunday working. That issue will be examined next week by the union and the employers.

Buses restart

One-man buses will run in Chesterfield from tomorrow after drivers decided yesterday to accept a pay offer and end a seven-week ban.

Overseas selling prices
Republic of Ireland 30p Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, Btr 25; Denmark, Dkr 3.50; Finland, Fmk 3.50; France, Frs 2.80; Germany, DM 1.40; Greece, Dr 30; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 400; Luxembourg, Lf 18; Malta, 9c; Norway, Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 17.50; Spain, Pes 35; Sweden, Skr 3.50; Switzerland, Sfr 2.50; Yugoslavia, Din 10.

Eight killed as aircraft crashes near Leeds

From Ronald Kershaw
Leeds

All eight people were killed last night when their light aircraft crashed shortly after take-off from Yeadon airport, between Leeds and Bradford. It came down in a field near Booth Mill, Horsforth.

The aircraft, a Piper Navajo Chieftain, was owned by McAlpine Aviation, a Luton-based charter company which operates from Leeds and Bradford airport. It was taking a party from ICI Fibres, Harrogate, to Cheltenham.

It crashed just outside the Leeds Ring Road, in a field behind a factory. Eye-witnesses said the aircraft burst in flames and that wreckage was strewn over a wide area.

The pilot was praised by people living near the scene of the crash. Mr Thomas Watson, aged 67, of Horsforth, Leeds, said: "This is quite a densely populated area and he appeared to be looking for an open space."

U Thant's body is seized

Rangoon, Dec 6.—Students seized the body of U Thant, the former United Nations Secretary-General, as his funeral cortege, watched by a crowd of 50,000, was about to leave for a Buddhist burial at Kyandaw cemetery.

They put the body in a hall at Rangoon University, demanding a more fitting funeral and a mausoleum. The authorities then offered a site for the mausoleum in the centre of Rangoon.—Reuter.

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aris sugar market closes ›ors in fixing price row

John Woodland

ıe Paris sugar futures ket, the third largest in the d, has closed its doors. ıuse the settlement price reopening the white sugar ket has not been fixed, the se de Liquidation is refus- to register any deals.

a communiqué, M Gerard che, the president of the ket, says: "After the sus- ion of quotations by M ent Ansquer, Minister of le and Artisans, the reopen- of the Paris White Sugar ket implies the fixing of a ement price by the tech- l committee under Article of the rules.

Since this price is unknown Caisse de Liquidation ses to register any opera- s, and disclaims its respon- ity for all the moral and ncial consequences which may result from this lack of action."

This statement will seriously affect many London houses which, through the normal business transactions, traded with the Paris market on an arbitrage basis.

London traders who went long in their own market (that is, bought sugar futures) and to cover themselves went short in Paris (sold sugar they did not own) are now out on a limb. Whereas with the two transactions they would cover themselves, they now find that they are long of sugar.

Their only hope is that the market will continue to rally and come close to their long positions. Yesterday the March position advanced £15 to £483 a long ton but this is way below the £658 a ton it reached just over two weeks ago.

Guildford bomb: woman is to be charged

By Clive Borrell and Christopher Walker

A woman is to be charged at Guildford police station this weekend with murder after the bomb explosions in two of the town's public houses eight weeks ago, in which five people died and 65 were injured.

A man who has been at the police station during the past week is expected to be charged with her. Police expect that both will appear before Guildford magistrates on Monday morning.

Two men have already been charged with murdering a young WRAC recruit who died in a bomb attack and they appeared together in court on Thursday. They were remanded in custody for a week.

Of 30 men and women being questioned at Guildford last night, 19 have been served with detention orders signed by Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary. The orders authorize the police to detain suspects for an extra five days under the new anti-terrorist laws.

Other suspects arrested in London, the Home Counties and Northern Ireland during the past week are being detained at other Surrey police stations, the accommodation at Guildford being insufficient.

Yesterday, a week after the new anti-terrorist measures became law, the Home Secretary signed another four exclusion orders against suspected IRA men, bringing the total to 10.

Senior Home Office officials persisted in their policy of refusing to disclose the identities of any of the men involved, although it is understood that they include some of those being held at Guildford and a regional organiser of the Provisional Sinn Fein who has been in Ireland since the funeral of James McDade.

Until an order has been served and a man deported to Ireland, there is no way for journalists to confirm officially the identity of the person involved. According to the Government, this is for security reasons, but this is disputed by organizations such as the National Council for Civil Liberties.

Of the 10 men against whom orders have been signed, only Mr James Flynn, a supporter of Official Sinn Fein, has so far appealed. Yesterday his representations were passed on for consideration by one of the two new advisers appointed to assist the Home Secretary.

As a result the adviser, Lord Alport, will be travelling to Horfield jail, in Bristol, early next week to interview Mr Flynn before making his report on the case. Whatever his views, the final decision on the expulsion will still rest with Mr Jenkins.

Ever since the new legislation was passed it has been emphasized in Whitehall that the work of the advisers does not constitute any form of judicial process.

Last night Mr Flynn's solicitor, Mr Bernard Cashman, claimed that he had been refused the right to be present during the interview, but added that he would be applying in writing for permission to do so.

Next week Mr Jenkins is expected to face a number of questions in the Commons about the working of the Act. On Monday he will be meeting a delegation from the National Council for Civil Liberties who will demand that written charges against men served with the orders be presented to them or their solicitors by the police.

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Scottish teachers to extend strikes over pay dispute

Teachers in Scotland are to extend their strike campaign after failing yesterday to get an improved pay offer from Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland. They also intend to approach the Prime Minister.

The strike decision, and a boycott of examinations, will mean further disruption for a million school and college pupils. The Educational Institute of Scotland, the biggest of the teachers' unions, last night announced that three-day strikes would be held in secondary schools next week, one-day strikes in primary schools and three-day rota strikes at colleges of further education.

Mr Ross, who has promised to backdate to May pay rises expected in the Houghton report, yesterday appealed to Scottish teachers to follow the example of their colleagues in England and accept a £100 interim award. The dispute meant only a temporary loss for teachers, but it would cause a permanent loss for children, he said.

Mr John Pollock, general secretary of the institute, said that apart from the action next week there would be indefinite strikes in some constituencies if the Houghton committee did not agree to their £10 backdated claim. The constituencies would include seats held by Cabinet ministers.

Mr Pollock called on Scottish Labour MPs to go to Mr Wilson on their behalf. He added: "I would hope Mr Ross will see the solution is within his power to grant. Any Secretary of State for Scotland who does not believe that he has that power is questioning the whole basis and argument for having a Secretary of State in the British Cabinet."

£100 offer rejected: Teachers in colleges of further education in England yesterday rejected the offer of a £100 Christmas bonus, our Education Correspondent writes. The offer was made by the Houghton committee as an interim pay increase and was accepted on behalf of teachers in primary and secondary schools on Thursday.

The Association of Teachers in Technical Institutions had asked for an interim increase of £250 and has called for a half-day strike of its 50,000 members on January 7 if no progress has been made in meeting its wishes.

Mr Tom Driver, the general secretary, said the £100 offer indicated that the ultimate award made by the Houghton committee would be totally inadequate.

Detective in bomb trial denies planting evidence

A detective's assertion that he found an oil refinery security pass under the carpet of a bedroom where two alleged IRA men had slept was challenged by the defence at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. The officer rejected a suggestion that the pass was put there "to get the right result".

Michael MacLochlainn, aged 19, and John Coughlan, aged 27, both of Eastern Road, Wood Green, London, are charged with conspiring together and with others to cause explosions.

Detective Constable Ronald Simpson told the court that he found the pass under the carpet and Detective Constable Smith was with him at the time. Mr Rock Tansey, defending Mr MacLochlainn, suggested that when his client was first seen by constables Simpson and Smith he was immediately shown the pass.

Mr MacLochlainn had then told the officers that he had found it on the night boat from Ireland. There was no question of the pass having been under a carpet.

Detective Constable Simpson replied: "The first time this pass was seen by any police officer was when I pulled back the carpet in the bedroom."

Mr Donald Lidstone, a Home Office bomb expert, said he was shown three sketch diagrams of bomb circuits on a pamphlet alleged to have been in the possession of the two accused men. Had two of the circuits been put into operation as drawn, the bombers would have suffered instant death or serious injury, but the third diagram was correct.

Det Inspector David Basset, who led the police raid on the house at Wood Green, told of interviews he had with the two men later. He said Mr Coughlan told him they had found the bomb diagrams at Charing Cross station.

Mr MacLochlainn, asked why he came to England with a false identity, was alleged to have said that he was released from an 18-month prison sentence four weeks earlier. He had been convicted of offences under the Official Secrets Act.

Mr Basset alleged that Mr MacLochlainn said he understood the diagram of the bomb circuits, explaining: "I was on a bomb-making course. I had instructions inside and lectures"

Mr Coughlan was then interviewed and, Mr Basset said, he told the officer: "MacLochlainn had told me he was in the IRA and I told him I had been in the IRA also."

In a later interview, Mr Basset said, Mr MacLochlainn told detectives: "I was a sticky." The officer explained that this meant the official IRA.

The trial was adjourned until next Monday.

Freed man in murder attempt fears reprisals

A Protestant aged 20 was set free by a Belfast court yesterday to "start life afresh" after admitting his part in a sectarian murder attempt. But he is now a target for reprisals because of his confession.

Alan Meharg, of Tynedale Gardens, Belfast, told police the names of the others involved in the UDA murder attempt, the court was told. He had been warned that if he left the organization "It would be in a box".

Mr Michael Nicholson, QC, his defence counsel, told the Belfast City Commission that there had been two attempts to kill Mr Meharg while he was awaiting trial. He had to be kept in protective custody and had tried to commit suicide.

Imposing a two-year jail sentence suspended for three years, Mr Justice Kelly told Mr Meharg: "I think it is just, in the circumstances, to give you a chance to start life afresh." But, the judge said, there was no guarantee that he would be free from further reprisals.

The court was told that Mr Meharg walked into a police station and confessed his part in the murder attempt two years after it had happened. "This was at a time when there was no likelihood of you being found out", the judge said. "Your action was inspired by conscience and by your wife's influence. She is to be commended, as you are, too."

Mr Meharg had pleaded guilty to failing to report the offence.

The victim of the murder attempt was Mr Robert McGirvegan, aged 22, a Roman Catholic, who was picked up by three UDA men, driven to a field north of Belfast, made to kneel down, shot once in the head, and left for dead.

The man who fired the shot, John Millar, aged 22, of Arinaglass Gardens, Antrim, was jailed for 12 years for trying to kill Mr McGirvegan. He pleaded not guilty when arraigned but changed his plea during the trial.

An accomplice, George Samuel Heading, aged 19, of Tynegrove Gardens, Belfast, was jailed for six years for possessing a home-made gun. He was found not guilty of attempted murder.

Mr McGirvegan, who is now partly paralysed in the right arm and leg, identified his attackers in court.

"That the religion of one human being who had given no offence to anger or deserve rebuke could itself cause murderous intent in the mind of another must chill the spine of any community", the judge said.

Protestant grocer is sectarial victim

From Robert Fisk
Belfast

A Protestant shopkeeper who was seriously wounded by three gunmen two days earlier died in hospital in Belfast yesterday, bringing to 1,135 the number of those who have died in the violence in Northern Ireland over the past five years. Mr James Davidson, aged 64, was shot in the head at the back of his grocer's shop in Upper Glenfarn Street on Wednesday night, and local children told the police they saw three youths run from the building.

A teenager was still seriously ill in hospital last night after an attempt on his life in the outskirts of Belfast in the morning. The youth, a Protestant aged 18, had just left his home on the Whitewell estate and was about to climb into his employer's bakery van when he was attacked by two masked men. One of them shot him in the stomach at point blank range.

Ten cross-border roads in south Armagh are now blocked by lorries and other vehicles, possibly booby-trapped, which were placed on the frontier by the Provisional IRA. The main Belfast to Dublin road has been impassable for more than a week and complaints have come from both road haulage contractors and local politicians.

Mr Frank Feeley, the Social Democratic and Labour Party assembly representative, has appealed to the Army to move the roadblocks. The military authorities say they are not yet prepared to risk the lives of bomb disposal officers. In fact, a number of local people ing the vehicles to stay there suspect that the Army are allowto show the inconvenience to which the population has been put by the IRA.

After a comparative silence, Mr Powell, United Ulster Unionist MP for Down, South, reentered the Northern Ireland political limelight last night with a speech in Newcastle, co Down, in which he insisted that Ulster should have parity of representation in the Westminster Parliament.

If there was to be devolution to regions in the rest of the United Kingdom, he said, Ulster too should be treated as a region and enjoy the same devolution as the others. Referring to the "British standards" which he said people talked about on the mainland, Mr Powell went on: "We not only accept them, we demand them. We say to the rest of the United Kingdom: 'If you have British standards in Great Britain, then those and no others are what we want in Ulster'."

Mr Powell, who was speaking to the Mourne Unionist Association in a Newcastle Orange hall, had some tart comments to make once again on the British Government's principles of power sharing. He has always claimed that power sharing in the form it took at the time of the Northern Ireland Executive was unreal, but last night he said that there was power sharing in local government in which opposition minorities held positions in committtees.

The Unionists, of course, believe that the minority in Ulster may be represented in government committees in a future Stormont administration, but not in the next Ulster cabinet.

Police make no move to ban Sinn Fein official

From Arthur Osman
Birmingham

West Midland police have made no application for an exclusion order against Mr E. J. (Jerry) Caughey, treasurer of the Birmingham branch of the Provisional Sinn Fein, Mr Maurice Buck, Assistant Chief Constable (Crime), said last night. Mr Caughey was detained at Birmingham on Tuesday night when he flew in from Belfast.

It is claimed that he has been resident in Britain since 1947. If so, that would exempt him from an exclusion order.

Mr Caughey was in the funeral party which accompanied the body of Mr James McDade, the Coventry bomber, to Ulster a fortnight ago. He is believed to be the first member of the party to return to England since then.

Sir Don Ryder, who is to lead the inquiry into British Leyland's finances, photographed with waste paper for recycling, symbolizing Reed International, the papermaking group he is leaving to serve as the Government's industrial adviser.

'A lot of nonsense has been written about the fears of industry'

Sir Don prepares for his baptism of fire

By David Leigh

Sir Don Ryder, the newly appointed industrial adviser to the Government and chairman-designate of the proposed National Enterprise Board, made clear yesterday that he hopes his appointment and that of others like him to the board will calm fears that a wholesale expropriation of industry is in train.

"We have got to calm some of the hysteria about the NEB", he said. "I think a lot of nonsense has been written about the fears of industry". The standing of the board's members would restore confidence in it.

His first task, of which he was told yesterday morning, is to examine British Leyland's difficulties. The company's cash troubles led yesterday to a promise from Mr Benn, the Secretary of State for Industry, that the company would come to some extent into public ownership.

"I know nothing about the BLMC situation yet", Sir Don said at the headquarters in London of Reed International, the paper-making and publishing group of which he is chairman. He is rapidly winding up his role in the company to start advising the Government next week. His expected chairmanship of the National Enterprise Board when it is set up will mean a drop from his present salary of £55,000 a year to £25,000.

The appointment of a prominent private industrialist to head the board, which is to be the Government's main agent of industrial change, brought protests yesterday from left-wingers. Sir Don had no reason to think Mr Benn himself, the architect of the board, is upset by his appointment. "I am looking forward to a very harmonious relationship", he said.

"In all the discussions I have had about it with Mr Benn he has been delighted." But Sir Don made clear that if his advice during the Bill's drafting stage is accepted, "there will be nothing in the proposed *Industry Bill to terrify industrialists*".

He sees the board's role as very much on the lines of the former Industrial Reorganization Corporation, whose passing he much regretted. He believes it is reasonable for the Government to take a share in the equity of companies in return for finance, as a private financial source would.

The ownership of industry in future would be very much of a mixture, he said. "Some companies will be wholly owned by the Government, others not at all; some perhaps with a 10 per cent stake, some with 30 per cent."

His view is that he works with the Government of the day, whatever it is. "I certainly never let politics interfere with the running of the business." He does not say how he votes, but thinks of himself as to the left of centre.

His record in private enterprise management, to which he came from financial journalism, is of consistent success. Reed's shares dipped on the news of his resignation yesterday. Although he has mixed feelings about leaving the company for the inevitable controversy of the NEB, Sir Don said he had accepted a challenge. "We have got an economic crisis on our hands."

Banks asked to give Leyland immediate aid

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the corporation. Whatever money might become available, we shall not be relaxing pressure on costs to ensure that we are competitive in world markets."

There were soothing words, too, from Sir Don Ryder, the newly appointed Cabinet adviser on industry and expected to be first chairman of the proposed National Enterprise Board.

It was vital, he said, that Britain's biggest exporter be sustained. The world car market was having a difficult time, but that was not a permanent state of affairs. He was infuriated by people speaking of industrial doom. It was unthinkable that Britain would just go to sleep and fall off the edge of the cliff.

Nevertheless, Mr Benn and the inquiry team will have a hard time sorting out British Leyland's requirements and maintaining confidence in the present management. There is evidence that the Government was caught wrong-footed on Thursday (a long-standing appointment for an interview I arranged with Mr Benn for yesterday morning was cancelled the previous evening).

For some time British Leyland and the Department of Industry have been holding regular meetings to review the company's continuing difficulties. But all suggestions of special aid have drawn bitter denials.

Only recently Lord Stokes dismissed such talk as "foolish chatter", but the City took more notice when the financial director, Mr Alec Park, said that up to £70m was needed to safeguard future investment plans.

Earlier this year British Leyland decided to stretch out its £500m capital programme over seven years instead of the original five. Trade union leaders have been cooperating in a programme of the utmost economy, although labour troubles have continued.

The group, which made a loss in the first half of the present financial year of £16.6m was badly affected by the three-day week. Now the worsening prospects for car sales, affecting all world manufacturers, have made necessary a fresh look at financial resources, and the falling ratio of self-financing to borrowings.

There are difficulties in overseas operations, such as in South Africa and Australia. A Spanish plant was sold recently to General Motors.

Since British Leyland was formed in 1968 with a Labour Government's guiding hand and some help from the former Industrial Reorganization Corporation, the group has sold about £7,000m of vehicles, about half overseas.

The heavy fixed costs of motor manufacturing require certain minimum levels of output at the 59 factories in Britain. Mr Benn's inquiry team will need to pay close attention to a deteriorating marketing situation in establishing cash requirements for next year and beyond.

There is a close relationship between home production and export pricing, and the top management may favour some import restrictions if sales drop badly and stocks begin to rise.

Over the past year several senior managers have left British Leyland and there were some important departures from the board room before the elevation last autumn of Mr Barber to deputy chairman.

Although they are not saying it publicly, many ministers believe that British Leyland must come under majority state control and have its financing put on a more assured base. Mr Benn will outline the terms of his Industry Act soon, with provisions for state equity holdings and the early establishment of the National Enterprise Board to manage such holdings.

British Leylad is a not unexpected addition to Mr Benn's list of companies in difficulties. He has yet to sort out the requirements of Ferranti, Alfred Herbert, and at least a dozen others, not all of which have been named as taking part in Whitehall talks.

For his part, Mr Barber is not opposed to a state shareholding. He told *The Times* in July: "I do not object in principle so long as it does not involve us in interference and does not prejudice our ability to provide employment, make motor cars, and compete effectively with the Europeans and Japanese."

British Leyland is due to reveal its latest financial position on December 18, when the full financial year's results will be given. An overall loss is expected, in spite of a modest surplus in the second half to the end of October. The corporation has lost more than £70m of production through strikes this year.

The Government has apparently been told that one immediate investment which needs safeguarding is the £60m scheme for a new factory for Rover-Triumph, which is seen as a bigger contributor to profits. It is the first important plant to be built since the group was put together by merging Leyland Motors with the British Motor Corporation, which includes the Austin and Morris divisions.

Several new models are due to be introduced next year, demanding heavy promotional spending as well as the necessary expensive stockbuilding.

Cooperation with the Government is nothing new to British Leyland, which received some years ago £10m in loans to finance machine tool purchases. It is also involved in the joint venture at Workington, Cumbria, producing the Leyland-National bus in collaboration with the nationalized National Bus Company.

Boy missing all night found lying in mud

Robert White, aged three, who had been missing all night, was found yesterday lying face downwards with mud in his mouth in a farm outbuilding a mile from his home at Brynteg, near Llandudno Junction.

Police said: "It is amazing that he survived. He is suffering from exposure but otherwise he is all right."

After the boy disappeared while playing in the garden, more than 100 police aided by dozens of volunteers and an RAF helicopter made a search.

Frustrated hotel man began three blazes

Three fires which broke at the Sherlock Holmes brought detectives quickly the scene. The fires started at midnight members of the staff were party in the basement of five-storey building in Street, London. At the 350 guests were occupying 150 rooms, Mr Nigel M for the prosecution, said a Central Criminal Court day.

From the few clues and location of the fires, came to the conclusion was an "inside job", Mr ray added. Everyone wo in the building was quest and details of their movements, times and elementary facts were put chart.

When the chart was stu it revealed that one man assistant manager, had absent from the party on occasions, counsel said.

The assistant manager, Corbett, aged 30, co mented detectives on thoroughness of their inv ation when they intervi him. He told police: have done your home well." Then he confessed in court he pleaded guil three charges of arson.

Giving him a two-year sentence suspended for same period, the judge, Desmond Vowden, QC, "It seems no great pu would be served in se you to prison."

The judge added that Corbett was not a compu arsonist but had lost conn himself because he had frustrated at work.

"I have taken a risk in ing you the opportunit freedom and I think you educated and intell enough to take advantag it", the judge said. Mr M said the fires were all st on June 25. None was se and they were quickly pu by staff, but there could been a danger to guests flames had got out of ha

In a statement Mr Co said he was frustrated be of "lack of recognition" his employers for his work. He was now employe another hotel.

Shop owner wh sold stolen bread fined £80

Barry Stone, aged 31, of a store in Plaistow, Lo who bought stolen bread in his shop "because of sure from his customers" fined a total of £80 yesterd West Ham Magistrates' He admitted two charge dishonestly handling goods.

The court heard that Stone, of Talbot Gardens, mayes, had bought 72 from Andrew Garfield, stole them from his emplo In a statement to police Stone said: "It was pres from my customers that me buy them".

Mr Garfield, of Frinton Gants Hill, who was empl as a delivery driver bakery firm, was fined a of £40 and ordered to restitution of £10.80 pleading guilty to stealing bread. He told the bench: the present situation it seemed the opportune mom

Shotgun raid on ban

A man escaped with a £11,000 from a Glasgow br of the Bank of Scotland ye day after threatening the ager with a sawn-off shotg

Crew refused to work with mate, inquiry told

A trawler had to return to port after only one haul when the crew refused to work because of the state the mate was in, a Department of Trade inquiry was told yesterday.

The mate, Mr William Riley, of Commerce Street, Aberdeen, faces charges alleging that he could not work because of drink. The charges relate to incidents on September 3 and September 28 last year.

Giving evidence on the September 3 incident, the skipper of the Aberdeen vessel Strathisla, Mr Raymond Cameron, told the inquiry that at first he handled Mr Riley with kid gloves. But the second time he refused to work, Mr Cameron lost his temper and told him: "Get on to the bloody deck."

Later Mr Cameron saw Mr Riley sitting on the deck with a can of beer in his hand. He did no work. Mr Cameron said he had to take Mr Riley off the watch because he thought he had been drinking.

Mr Riley smelled of drink, his arm was hooked round the wheel and he did not seem to be keeping a proper watch.

The skipper said Mr Riley eventually apologized after the crew refused to work without a mate, but later the crew said they would not work anyway with Mr Riley because of the state he was in. The boat was ordered by the owners to return to Aberdeen.

On Thursday the inquiry heard allegations that on September 28 last year, while serving as second hand on the Aberdeen trawler Arctic Crusader, Mr Riley was incapable of performing his duties through intoxication.

The skipper of the Arctic Crusader, Mr James Gatt, was jointly charged with Mr Riley, but was cleared of gross acts of misconduct and drunkenness. The panel will give its verdict on Mr Riley's part in the Arctic Crusader case at the end of the Strathisla hearing.

The hearing will continue on Monday.

No job prospect, peer says

Lord Nugent of Clonlost, twice bankrupt, said in London Bankruptcy Court yesterday that he was unemployed and without prospect of employment. His homes at Gloucester Place Mews, Portman Square, London, and Longbridge Deverill House, Warminster, Wiltshire, were the property of his wife, he said.

Lord Nugent, the seventh baron, disclosed debts of £26,274, of which more than £23,000 is claimed by the Westminster Bank, and assets of £13. He had obtained his discharge from his first bankrutpcy, in which a dividend of about 5p in the pound was paid to creditors for £2,504, he said.

Mr Trevor White, assistant official receiver, said that when Lord Nugent obtained a loan from a finance company it was stated in a completed form that he was the owner of the Portman Square and Warminster properties.

Lord Nugent said the form was made out by the finance company representative. "I merely signed it."—Mr Registrar Parbury asked: "You appear on the face of it to have misled the company?" Lord Nugent replied: "Entirely without intention."

Prince Andrew leaves hospital

Prince Andrew, who is 14, left Dr Gray's Hospital, at Elgin, Moray, yesterday afternoon after staying overnight. The prince hurt his head in a dormitory "rag" at Gordonstoun on Monday.

Earlier, Mr John Kemp, the headmaster of Gordonstoun, the prince's school, rebuked the press for their interest. "He is a schoolboy who has a right to a bit of privacy, even if he is a member of the Royal Family", he said.

"The doctors say that he has a very, very slight injury", Mr Kemp confirmed that the prince would continue to be in a dormitory.

Two die in crash

Mrs Margaret Brett, aged 34, of Brighton, and her daughter Gail, aged 14, were killed when their Jaguar car crashed into the rear of a milk lorry on the A23 London to Brighton road at Handcross, Sussex, yesterday.

West of Scotland may get £2m diving school

From Our Correspondent
Dunfermline

The Government is likely to announce before Christmas the establishment of a £2m deep sea diving school for Scotland. Mr Duncan Dewdney, deputy chairman of the Government's Manpower Services Commission, gave a broad hint at Rosyth Dockyard yesterday that the school will almost certainly be in the West of Scotland.

He was presenting certificates to nine civilian divers from all over Britain who have completed the first Government-backed pilot course for training divers at Rosyth Dockyard.

"This represents the first step of a development in training men in the diving profession, which is going to become increasingly important not only in the North Sea but overseas as well", he said. "We have been testing our ideas here for the proper content of a course in deep sea diving in depths of 600ft or more.

"The manpower commission have submitted proposals which I believe will be accepted and will give us a training centre as advanced as anywhere

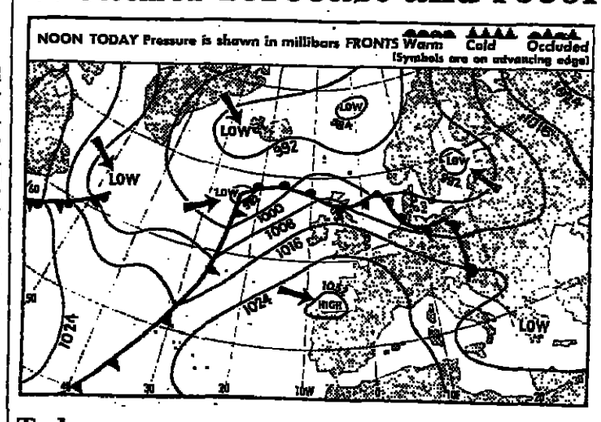
"Clearly, I think, it has got to be on the West coast of Scotland, since only there is the water deep enough. It will cost about £2m and we will get an announcement on the subject by the Government before Christmas."

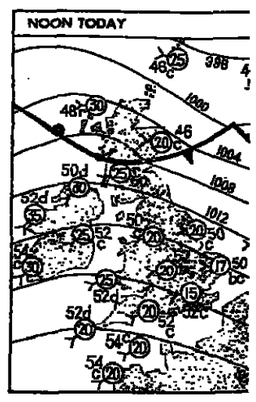
Mr Dewdney said safety was of overriding importance, as the industry would be working at the frontiers of knowledge. He hoped the manpower commission would be able to provide facilities for medical research into the subject.

"At the moment, working in very high pressures throws up problems in an otherwise perfectly fit man", he added. "We really do not know what those problems are or what they stem from."

Mr Dewdney said that 1,000 divers would need to undergo training in the next five years to produce the 500 required for North Sea oil exploration.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.51 am — Sun sets: 3.53 pm
Moon rises: 12.32 am — Moon sets: 12.24 pm
New Moon December 13.
Lighting up: 4.23 pm to 7.23 am.
High water: London Bridge, 7.10 am, 6.5m (21.4ft); 7.57 pm, 6.6m (21.6ft). Avonmouth, 12.39 am, 11.3m (37.1ft); 1.04 pm, 11.4m (37.4ft). Dover, 4.35 am, 6.1m (20.1ft); 5.24 pm, 5.9m (19.3ft). Hull, 12.10 pm, 6.3m (20.8ft). Liverpool, 4.59 am, 7.5m (24.7ft); 5.22 pm, 7.7m (25.4ft).

A mild flow will continue to cover the British Isles.

Area forecasts:

London, SE, E, NE, central S and central N England, East Anglia, Midlands: Mainly dry, bright intervals; wind W, moderate or fresh; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Channel Islands, Wales, NW and SW England: Cloudy, mainly dry, with hill and coastal fog patches; wind W or SW, moderate or fr max temp 12°C (54°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, E Scotl Aberdeen, Moray Firth, Caithn Cloudy, occasional rain, dry bright intervals; wind W, tr strong; max temp 12°C (54°F

Lake District, Isle of Glasgow, Central Highla Argyll, NW and SW Scotlan Ireland: Cloudy with occasi rain or drizzle, hill fog; wind fresh or strong, perhaps gale f in places; max temp 11°C (52

Orkney, Shetland: Mo cloudy, with occasional rain drizzle; wind W, fresh, back SW, becoming strong or gale; temp 8°C (46°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Rain in N spreading becoming brighter but colder.

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 7.53 am — Sun sets: 3.52 pm
Moon rises: 1.50 am — Moon sets: 12.46 pm
Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.24 am.
High water: London Bridge, 8.18 am, 6.4m (21.1ft); 9.8 pm, 6.6m (21.5ft). Avonmouth, 1.48 am, 11.1m (36.5ft); 2.17 pm, 11.3m (37.2ft). Dover, 5.44 am, 6.1m (19.9ft); 6.34 pm, 5.9m (19.3ft). Hull, 12.19 am, 6.6m (21.6ft); 1.22 pm, 6.3m (20.6ft). Liverpool, 6.9 am, 7.5m (24.5ft); 6.35 pm, 7.7m (25.1ft).

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 11°C (52°F); min, 6 to 6 am, 8°C (46°F). Humid 6 pm, 75 per cent. Rain, 24 hr 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 6 0.7 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 1,025.3 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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Athens	r	16	61	Edinburgh	c	10	50	London	c	10	50	Paris	c	9	48
Barcelona	f	12	54	Florence	fog	6	43	Luxembrg	r	3	37	Reykjavik	r	2	36
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Biarritz	c	10	50	Gibraltar	c	16	61	Malaga	f	14	57	Stockholm	c	2	36
Birmghm	c	9	48	Guernsey	c	10	50	Malta	c	15	59	Tel Aviv	r	16	61
Bristol	s	9	48	Helsinki	s	-3	27	Manchstr	c	9	48	Venice	fog	2	36
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HOME NEWS

Government plans no early action to curb population and may need to stimulate growth

'at Healy
l Services Correspondent

e Government intends to no immediate action to ol Britain's population, Shepherd, Lord Privy and coordinating minister population matters, made in London yesterday. On contrary, he said, if the try was faced with a lly declining population ght be necessary to stimu- population growth, if only short time.

rd Shepherd's remarks ly dismayed his audi- at a lunchtime lecture at Family Planning Associa- headquarters. But he said not enough was known t the issues involved and it highly sensitive matter.

here are some, whose and enthusiasm I very respect, who call for a active role by government pulation control", he said. myself, I approach this ct with great care, for I ee, in what is a sensitive of public opinion, a risk government can do harm ir purpose by intervening orcefully in what is a per- relationship between indi- uls."

The Government accepted the conclusion of the Ross panel on population that Britain could cope with any likely increase in population over the next 40 years, given a not too unstable world situation. But it also accepted the panel's advice that Britain would do better in future with a stationary, rather than an increasing population.

"We welcome the recent decline in the rate of this country's population growth, in as much as it represents an approach towards a stable population", Lord Shepherd added. "But the causes of this decline are complex, and we need to know more about them before we can decide whether any action is needed, and if so what it might be."

The Government was therefore pushing ahead with research into fertility, mortality and migration. Lord Shepherd agreed with a challenger that world stability had altered since the Ross panel reported last year. But, he said, there was little that could be done now to alter population trends over the next 20 to 25 years and the vital issue was to adopt population plans throughout the world aimed at the next century.

Lord Shepherd was accused of being so cautious that he was running a part-time ministry with no population policy or sense of urgency. In the present climate and level of information, he replied, it was right to have no specific population policy and that the Government should have a relaxed and withdrawn role.

If there was a rapidly falling population, the Government might have to stimulate population growth, if only to balance the different age groups, Lord Shepherd said. Pressed to say how that might be done, he said he did not know, but outsiders thought some governmental policies encouraged families.

Lord Shepherd said after the lecture that he believed passionately that the Government should not interfere with a private matter between individuals by telling them how many children they should have. It would be wrong to do so when there were not enough hard facts, and particularly when previous forecasts had proved wrong.

Gift to China: Nykasi, one of a pair of white rhinoceroses being given to Peking Zoo by London Zoo in return for the pair of pandas, eyeing her crate yesterday before being flown from Stansted to Hongkong.

Hundreds to be freed of planning blight

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

The last remains of London's abandoned ringways road network, affecting hundreds of homes in south-east London with planning blight, will shortly be made to disappear by the Greater London Council.

Instead, a new three-mile, four-lane road is recommended to be built as soon as possible to relieve the congested A2, Rochester Way, at Greenwich, between the Blackwall Tunnel southern approach and Falconwood.

Those are recommendations of the study into the South-east London Traffic and Environmental Problems (Seltep), and the public participation after publication of the Seltep report last spring by a working party representing the GLC and the boroughs of Barking, Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich, Lewisham and Newham.

The Seltep recommendations, approved by the GLC's transport committee this week, propose that the route safeguarding should be removed, *and the planning blight lifted,* from the abandoned south cross route from Kidbrooke to St John's, and the New Cross spur, and the Sidcup road link between Kidbrooke and Mottingham.

Dame Evelyn Denington, chairman of the committee, welcomed the fact that they were at last able to remove the uncertainty surrounding the future of so many families in the area and to assess the priorities for action.

Planning blight could not be removed completely from the roads now abandoned until the Government gave its decisions on the Greater London development plan, Dame Evelyn said.

Gas Council engineer on bribe charge

A Gas Council engineer was bribed with £200 to give a pipeline company a big contract, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The company, Pipeline Construction, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire, won a £2,500,000 contract with the Gas Council to lay North Sea gas pipes from Newcastle upon Tyne to Glasgow, Mr David Tudor Price, for the prosecution, said. He added that on the day Alfred Joy, Pipeline's managing director, and Russell Emmony, the engineer, met for talks on the terms of the deal a subsidiary of Pipeline paid £200 towards the cost of a new Ford Capri car for Mr Emmony.

Mr Joy, aged 53, of Oakhill Drive, Welwyn Garden City, denies corruptly giving Mr Emmony a reduction of £206 of a debt to Pipeline to buy the car as an inducement to show favour to the company between July and September, 1969.

Mr Emmony, aged 53, of Denbigh Street, London, denies accepting the reduction.

Mr Price said the charges concerned one term of the contract. Mr Emmony had properly recommended that the Gas Council accept Pipeline's £2,500,000 tender because it was the lowest.

The contract stated, however, that gangs laying pipes could work only on 10-mile stretches at a time so that compensation to landowners could be kept as low as possible.

"It is in relation to this term that the prosecution say Mr Emmony showed favour", Mr Price said. Almost from the start the company overran the 10-mile limit, and when the council's resident engineer tried to stop work he was given a letter from Mr Joy.

The letter said that at a meeting ("the meeting on the day the car was handed over", Mr Price said) Mr Emmony had agreed to relax the rule.

Mr Price said that it was difficult to estimate how much favour was shown to Pipeline by Mr Emmony in money terms, but it could have been between £40,000 and £90,000.

Mr Emmony said that he had told police that his car was bought through Pipeline because a Ford strike meant he could not get the model he wanted.

The hearing was adjourned until next Tuesday.

Nurse in murder case is given leave to appeal

The Court of Criminal Appeal in Edinburgh yesterday granted Sister Jessie McTavish leave to appeal against her conviction of murdering a patient aged 80 by giving her an unauthorized insulin injection.

Sister McTavish, aged 34, was sentenced to life imprisonment on October 17 after a 15-day trial in the High Court in Edinburgh. She was also convicted of assaults on three other patients at Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow, by giving unauthorized injections.

At the appeal hearing she alleged misdirection of the jury by Lord Robertson, the judge. She also claimed he wrongly admitted police evidence of her replies when she was charged with assault.

Lord Wheatley, presiding judge at the appeal hearing, said yesterday: "We have considered the arguments placed before the court and consider that they cannot properly be determined without the notes of evidence." The apepal would be heard when the notes were made available.

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Interpol seeks forgers of expensive watches

By Stewart Tendler

Interpol detectives are searching Europe for criminals who are selling clever copies of expensive watches made by famous jewellers, including Cartier. The forgeries have been on offer in London and also in France, Switzerland and Italy.

The Cartier forgeries have been appearing for several years but Paris police say they have also recently had reports of copies of watches by Piaget, whose products are said to be a status symbol in the United States.

More than 500 of the Cartier forgeries, based on a model called Tanque, have been discovered by Cartier, which sells the genuine article for over £500. The forgeries are sold for between £150 and £280.

Forgeries of well known watch brands have often *appeared on the continent and* many British holidaymakers have bought them. The producers of the Cartier and Piaget copies have gone much farther than simply taking a cheap watch and putting on a false trademark.

The genuine Cartier Tanque watch is square, with an 18 carat gold case and Roman numerals on the dial. Police believe the criminals are copying the case and then adding a cheap movement covered by an imitation of the Cartier trade mark on the dial.

It is estimated that the gold used by the forgers for each watch could be bought for about £50 in Europe, and the total cost of each forgery would be under £100. The forgeries are *thought to be produced somewhere* near Rome, Florence or Geneva.

Cartier does not believe the criminals are organized into any large group, but other sources suggest a distribution system may have been established to find suitable people to peddle the watches in wealthy circles such as gambling clubs.

The Tanque model was introduced in 1917, but Cartier still turns out 4,000 a year. The firm says there have been many imitations and it is planning legal action against a number of other watchmakers whose designs it claims are similar.

Suicide verdict on son is quashed by father's plea

Mr Thomas Roberts, a tax inspector, persuaded the High Court yesterday to quash a coroner's verdict of suicide on his son, aged 23.

There is to be a fresh inquest *by a different coroner* into the death of Steven Roberts, who fell 100ft from a Brighton cliff last January. Mr Ronald, Webb, coroner at Brighton, recorded a verdict of suicide while the balance of mind was disturbed.

Mr Steven Roberts, a BSc of Sussex University, was a kitchen porter at the Royal Sussex Hospital, and was living in Connaught Road, Hove.

Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, said in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court he could find nothing in the evidence to indicate a suicidal state. Evidence of depression and of mild mental trouble some years earlier was not sufficient.

At the point from which he fell there was a wire fence about 5ft high. No one could get to the cliff edge except by a deliberate act, but it did not necessarily follow that he got through with intent to end his life.

"Something might have blown to the edge of the cliff so that he sought to recover it", the judge said. "I would not like it to be thought I am in any way censuring the coroner."

Mr Thomas Roberts, aged 51, of Locksley Park, Belfast, who conducted his case himself, said: "I think if something goes wrong it should not be allowed to pass unchallenged. We found it a hurtful verdict."

Oxfam may have to cut overseas aid next year

From Our Correspondent
Oxford

Oxfam, which is in its worst financial position for 10 years, has announced drastic economies to reduce costs. If the crisis continues, it may have to cut overseas aid next year.

The economies have been forced on Oxfam by inflation and a drop in revenue. All Oxfam *vehicles are being restricted* to 50 mph to save fuel and staff have been ordered to keep telephone calls short and not to make a trunk call before noon.

Efforts are to be made to find shops that are rent free, and evening shifts may be introduced to make better use of office plant and equipment. Cooked meals in the staff canteen on Mondays have been stopped.

All overseas training visits for Oxfam organizers have been cancelled for at least a year.

Mr Philip Jackson, the communications officer, said 5 per cent of money intended for South America, Africa and South-East Asia was being redirected to India and Bangla*desh and unless income* increased, all aid would have to be reduced. He said the economies were aimed at keeping administrative costs to 20 per cent of total income.

Stamp dealers acquitted of plot

A judge directed a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to acquit Julian Clive, aged 60, and his son, Michael Clive, aged 33, stamp dealers, after a 10-week trial concerning an alleged £2m fraud.

Mr Julian Clive and his son, of Seymour Court, Marylebone, had pleaded not guilty to conspiring with George Yussuf Corot, Bruce Condé, known as the Prince of Condé, and others to cheat and defraud people who might be induced to buy labels by falsely representing that they were genuine postage stamps issued by the Kingdom of Yemen.

Mr Corot, a Jordanian, could not be brought to Britain and Mr Condé, an American, was believed to be in Spain.

Directing the acquittal and discharge, Judge Alan King-Hamilton, QC, said: "Some undesirable and possibly unethical practices in the philatelic trade have been exposed and brought into the open."

He hoped the Clives had learnt a salutory lesson. It was dangerous to get too closely involved with adventurers who acted as agents of unstable governments in the Middle East or any other part of the world, he said.

He was satisfied it was proper for the police to make an investigation and he commended them for their quite prodigious efforts.

The judge said it had emerged that Mr Corot and Mr Condé were dishonest and the printers of deliberate errors as near dishonest as made no difference.

Mr Kenneth Richardson, for the prosecution, alleged when the trial opened that the plot had been to unleash a flood of bogus stamps on the collecting world.

"They seemed like stamps and were very beautiful, but were in fact bogus and did not come from any operating postal system", he said.

The judge, referring to a defence submission that there was no case to answer, said: "It was Corot who ordered printing of the deliberate errors, but the fact that he was a scoundrel does not mean that any business associate must necessarily be regarded as dishonest. There is no such thing in this country as guilt by association.

"I find the prosecution have not satisfied the requirement of making out at this stage a sufficient case requiring the defendants to answer it. If I am wrong and they have I think it would be dangerous to continue because of the mass of evidence which is not relevant to them but to Condé and Corot."

Move to use law to save the environment

By John Young
Planning Reporter

Proposals for a new body to give legal advice and assistance to environmentalists were put to a joint conference in London yesterday of the Solicitors' Ecology Group and the Committee for Environmental Conservation.

The proposals envisage a charitable trust which would be responsible for fund-gathering, and a law centre which would receive income from the trust and, in certain cases, from the Government Legal Aid Fund. The centre would employ its own staff, including salaried lawyers, and would also use the services of outside consultants.

Mr A. D. Woolf, vice-chairman of the *group, told the* conference that the law had much to offer to those who sought to defend and improve the environment. In the United States it had come to play a leading role in environmental protection.

New statutes were widening the scope, and there were also the common law rights of private citizens to sue for private and public nuisance, negligence, trespass and breach of statutory duty, he said.

By chance, the proposals coincide with the Conservation Society's decision to seek counsel's advice on an injunction to halt the present public inquiry into the proposed M16 motorway through Epping Forest, on the ground that it is illegal.

Guard shot in raid

A guard was shot in the foot when four armed men attacked a security van outside the National Westminster bank in Catford, south London, yesterday. The raiders escaped empty-handed after their car had been rammed by an off-duty policeman.

No regrets by the man who travelled from wealth to penury on the Flying Scotsman

By Philip Howard

The railway enthusiast whose passion for the Flying Scotsman reduced him to insolvency was discharged in the Bankruptcy Court yesterday, on condition that he makes a token payment of £300 by the end of next year.

Mr Alan Pegler bought the majestic old LNER puffer in 1962 for the scrap price of £3,000. But attempts to exploit it on a "whistle stop" tour of the United States between 1968 and 1970 evaporated his substantial family fortune and left him with liabilities of more than £170,000.

His discharge from bankruptcy was originally opposed by the British Railways *Board* and others, on the grounds that no dividend has yet been paid to his creditors. But the objection was not pursued when Mr Pegler's trustee in bankruptcy demonstrated that a dividend of more than 50p in the pound will ultimately be paid to unsecured creditors.

Mr Registrar Parbury said: "*His downfall quite obviously* arose from his enthusiasm for railways, and in particular his unbounded enthusiasm for the Flying Scotsman. The Flying Scotsman has been your folly."

Mr Pegler: Penniless but no regrets.

Mr Pegler replied: "That is not a choice of phrase that I would go along with. I think that many people in this country are pleased with what I did, because it saved the Flying *Scotsman.*"

Mr Pegler, formerly the chairman and managing director of a large family company manufacturing with rubbers and plastics, now earns a meagre living as a lecturer on cruise ships; he hopes to sail with the Canberra next month. He gives lectures on such subjects as the mutiny on the Bounty, sometimes reverting wistfully to his first love, the railways.

After the hearing the great locophile, a cheerful, engaging man in mutton-chop whiskers, penniless but unbowed, said: "I do not regret buying the Flying Scotsman. It was the chance of a lifetime, and I would have kicked myself if I had not taken it.

"Of course, I cannot say that I do not regret losing all my money, my house, my country house, my flat in Italy, my *Bentley and my Volvo, and* being left only with what I stand up in. But life is about taking the rough with the smooth."

He looked less like a man eaten with regret, than somebody still entranced by the distant vision of a great steam monster puffing over the Cheviots. The Flying Scotsman, now owned by Mr William MacAlpine, is at present stabled steamless at Carnforth, a permanent challenge and temptation to romantic railway visionaries.

Another 5,000 children may seek aid

Only 5,000 children are expected to apply to the Family Fund for help now that it has been extended to children not handicapped at birth. But the cases of 226 children who were refused help because they were *not congenitally handicapped* will be reconsidered.

The fund was set up by the Government in 1972 to offer financial help to families with severely congenitally handicapped children. In the absence of official figures, independent research suggested that 150,000 children might qualify now that the scope has been widened.

But new research shows that 80,000 congenitally handicapped children qualify under the fund's rules, and another 10,000 not congenitally handicapped will now be eligible.

Burglary campaign

Police in the West Country have launched a campaign to cut crime. Burglary rates are nearly a quarter up on last year.

Families 'must live in high rise flats for years'

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Many local authorities will be obliged to continue housing families in unsuitable high-rise flats for years to come, Mr Michael Burbidge, of the sociological branch of the Department of the Environment, said yesterday. This was although local authorities all over the country had decided not to build more high-rise flats.

Mr Burbidge told a conference on the prevention of crime that one of the main conclusions of research by the department was that wherever possible families with young *children should be allocated* houses. If that was impossible, only the dwellings on the ground or first floor of a multi-storey building should be considered for them.

The conference is the first of a series of six being held by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (NACRO) with the aid of a Home Office grant. The chairman of the steering group is Mr Mark Carlisle, MP, QC, a Home Office minister in the last Conservative government.

The intention of the conferences is to involve various professions in crime prevention. Mr Nicholas Hinton, NACRO's director, said that limiting the prevention of crime largely to catching criminals and locking them up was a bankrupt idea.

Dealing with the crime cost of £500m a year, he said: "The figure rises to over £1,000m if the gross costs—damage, detection—are taken into account. We hope the professions will become involved in preventing crime and saving this sort of cost."

Mr Burbidge said that many housing authorities had estates they found difficult to let, even to the extent of having dwellings vacant for long periods.

The more choosy tenants will move out and only disadvantaged families with no alternatives will be persuaded to take up the resulting vacancies.

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Inflation cure 'could lead to rise of the National Front'

By Geoffrey Smith
Political Staff

A warning that the measures necessary to fight inflation could in certain circumstances be so severe in their effects on some people that they would lead to the rise of the National Front was given last night at Ellesmere by Mr John Biffen, MP for Oswestry and one of the leading Conservative monetarists.

In what was essentially a warning to the trade unions, he said: "The major trade unions have within their power and ability to influence, perhaps decisively, how the burdens would be shared during the disagreeable but transitional period while inflation was being moderated downwards."

If the trade unions exercised that power simply to defend the immediate interests of their own members they would impose an unacceptable share of the burden on others, such as small businessmen and the self-employed.

"If those who have been self-reliant", he said "feel they have been harassed persistently by powerful corporations able to protect their own (here he was referring presumably both to large companies able to secure financial support from the state and to trade unions) then the reaction will be sharp and inevitable. The tragedy is that these people hitherto have provided the very core of that political stability which has made Britain envied in this respect."

The way to avoid that tragedy, Mr Biffen argued, would be for the trade unions to cooperate voluntarily with an effective government stabilization programme. Mr Biffen was somewhat coy in stating precisely what such cooperation would involve. But if it was to mean anything it would clearly have to involve restraint in wages as well as measures to encourage industrial efficiency.

Mr Biffen did not use the phrase incomes policy. He has consistently opposed it on the grounds that it can mean so many things as to be almost meaningless. He has also rejected the proposition that wage restraints in any form could cure inflation. That rejection is at the heart of the monetarists' faith.

But in this latest speech he was in effect calling on the unions for voluntary income restraint, not as a means in itself of curing inflation, but to help to ensure that curing inflation by other methods would not create so much distress as to destroy democracy

What is significant about this is that the policy he now advocates may not be so different from that of his party leaders, no matter how wide the gap between the explanations of that policy.

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'Resist student sit-ins'

By Our Education Correspondent

University sit-ins should be resisted just as firmly as IRA terrorism, Mr William van Straubenzee, Conservative MP for Wokingham and a former Minister of State fo Education, said in Oxford last night. He said the degree of violence was different but the intent was the same.

Mr van Straubenzee welcomed the signs that moderate students were exerting a far greater influence. "In terms of student politics and allowing for Marxist leanings which bind so many students to the thinking of the official IRA, the motion condemning IRA violence at the National Union of Students' conference is a significant advance."

But he pointed out that sit-ins were still regarded as an acceptable tactic by students. "It has to be asserted that the sit-in is itself a form of force. It is designed to secure, by at best coercion and at worse brute force, what cannot be secured by argument", he said.

Wife who sold house for £1 awaits decision

Mr Justice Griffiths yesterday reserved judgment after a 10-day hearing in the High Court in the case of a woman who allegedly signed away her £45,000 house to her husband for £1 during a dispute.

Mrs Noelle Anne Mann, of Chalcot Square, London, asked for the transaction to be set aside because emotional distress had affected her judgment.

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WEST EUROPE

France to build £560m aluminium plant in Siberia under agreement at Rambouillet summit

From Charles Hargrove
Rambouillet, Dec 6

Mr Leonid Brezhnev and President Giscard d'Estaing today signed the most important package of economic agreements ever concluded between France and Russia after the second day of their Rambouillet talks. A joint communique, giving details of the agreement, will be issued tomorrow at noon, just before Mr Brezhnev returns to Moscow.

Mr Leonid Zamiatin, the Soviet spokesman, said that a pan-European summit of the 35 countries taking part in the security conference would be would be held at Helsinki in the first half of next year. President Giscard d'Estaing had accepted an invitation to pay an official visit to Russia in the second half of 1975.

Mr Zamiatin was visibly incensed by an American press report that Mr Brezhnev was so insistent on holding a 35-nation summit because he wanted it to be the crowning achievement of his career before handing over to a younger man and going into retirement. "The rumours of a resignation of Mr Brezhnev are stupid", he declared.

Both sides have reason to be satisfied with the talks. Mr Brezhnev has obtained a spectacular confirmation of the new French President's commitment to the policy of détente, entente and cooperation of his two predecessors. M Giscard d'Estaing has secured far-reaching economic agreements on supplies to France of large quantities of Soviet natural gas over the next 20 years, and the delivery to Russia of several very important industrial plants, including the largest complex in the world for the production of aluminium.

"Our conversations have been very fruitful and very useful for both our countries and the documents we have signed are very important for them", Mr Brezhnev said after the signature ceremony on the state dining room of the Château de Rambouillet. For his part M Giscard d'Estaing said: "I am very pleased with the tone which Mr Brezhnev has given to our talks, a very open and very positive tone, which has enabled us to survey all questions of mutual interest and reach agreement on all essential points."

The economic cooperation agreement, which is to last for five years, provides for the further doubling of trade between the two countries by 1980 (it has already more than doubled over the past five years). In addition, M Jean-Pierre Fourcade and Mr Nikolai Patolichev, the Soviet Minister for Foreign Trade, signed three other agreements. One is for economic and industrial cooperation in the form of an addition to the 10-year agreement of 1972. It lists new joint projects, including the aluminium complex for eastern Siberia worth 6,000m francs (about £560m), of which each side will finance half. Another provides for 12,500m francs credit by France to Russia and corresponding to Soviet orders worth 15,000m francs. The third arranges for deliveries of 2,500m cubic metres of natural gas a year between 1975 and 1980 rising to 4,000m cubic metres from 1980 onwards or one-eighth of French consumption at that date.

Mr Brezhnev briefed M Giscard d'Estaing this morning on his meeting with President Ford at Vladivostok.

After this very productive day's talks, there seems to be little left for the third and last private meeting between the two statesmen tomorrow morning. But they may want to return to the Middle East crisis, which they discussed yesterday afternoon. The Soviet leader showed great concern over the risk of the outbreak of another war and, as *Le Monde* notes, is anxious to get negotiations going again in Geneva during the six months respite obtained through the renewal of the Syrian agreement to the presence of United Nations forces in the Golan Heights.

Mr Zamiatin said that Russia agreed to the "right of independent existence of all the states in the area". Asked whether that included Israel, he replied: "If you consider she is in the region, we agree."

The communiqué, which has been personally approved by both statesmen, was still being drafted tonight into its final wording. This will no doubt show that the French acceptance of a 36-nation summit as the grand finale to the European security conference, is not as unqualified as the Soviet spokesman made it appear. First, France cannot decide for others; and, secondly, the French Government must make its agreement conditional on progress at Geneva on the reunion of separated families

The French President no longer makes these hard and fast conditions for attending the summit, but he emphasized that he nevertheless expected progress in Geneva.

Italian kidnappers turn to not-so-rich

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Dec 6

Fears are growing that not only rich Italians are now prone to extortion by kidnappers.

On Wednesday, 11-year-old Nicoletta di Nardi was released by kidnappers after payment of a ransom said to be of 400m lire (£270,000). Her father dealt in precious stones and was described as prosperous but not rich.

A large part of the ransom money came from a collection among friends and neighbours, and by the readiness of these friends to buy at the shop of the girl's father.

If kidnappers are now proposing to extort money not from the coffers of a rich family but from the kindness of friends, the financial standing of the victim's parents will no longer enter into their calculations. There is reason to suppose that Nicoletta di Nardi's kidnappers were unsophisticated men to whom any man trading in jewels would appear rich. Nevertheless this has not dispelled fears that a different approach is in fact being attempted.

Another disturbing possibility is that some kidnappings might be planned for political motives. This reading of the situation is prompted by five kidnappings in the three days immediately before the recent local government elections in the Alto Adige. Throughout the 50 or so days between the fall of the last government and the formation of the present one, there were 10 kidnappings. One possible explanation is that these crimes were deliberately committed to increase the feelings of uncertainty and of exasperation

Another explanation may be that crime naturally increases when the authority of the state is weakened. Even if only for psychological reasons, a long interregnum encourages the law-breaker: it is an incentive even if the real causes go deeper.

Denmark prepares for the election no one wants

From Our Correspondent
Copenhagen, Dec 6

Danish politicians have wasted no time in beginning their campaign for the general election on January 9. The first posters went up less than three hours after Mr Poul Hartling, the Liberal Prime Minister, had dissolved Parliament late last night.

It is clearly an election that no one wants. Opinion polls show that a majority of the electorate feel that Parliament should have tried to reach agreement instead of causing the delay and expense of a poll only a year after the previous one.

In turn, politicians outside the Liberal Party blame the Prime Minister for deliberately disregarding good prospects for a compromise on a vital issue in order to strengthen his party's standing.

The new Folketing convenes on January 23. Economists and businessmen had hoped for quick measures to control the rising prices and costs and give a firm foundation for export contracts.

Both consider that Denmark's already tarnished international credit rating must suffer from the delay. The new Folketing will face the same problems but worsened in the interval by the increased wage demands presented by trade unions.

According to recent opinion polls, Mr Hartling's Liberals, the Social Democrats who preceded him in office, and the Communists are likely to gain most from the election, in that order.

The Liberals and Social Democrats are expected to dominate their respective sides in the House. This could open the way for a coalition of the two, and a government with a firm parliamentary foundation.

Head of Unesco defends resolutions on Israel

Paris, Dec 6.—Mr Amadou Mbow, director-general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco), today defended recent Unesco general conference decisions affecting Israel and said the country's status in the international organization remained unchanged.

"There has been reference to the 'politization' of Unesco, as if the agencies of the United Nations system had not in fact been born of a political determination to found a just and durable peace", Mr Mbow said in a written statement.

"The delegates to the general conference are government representatives. It is natural that the problems which perturb the world today should find an echo there."

Mr Mbow, who is from Senegal and is the first African elected to head a United Nations body, said Israel had not been ousted from Unesco. "Israel is in exactly the same situation as it was prior to the eighteenth general conference", he said.

The general conference approved an Arab-initiated resolution on November 20 to cut off Unesco aid to Israel for allegedly disfiguring religious sites in occupied Jerusalem. The next day the plenary session voted to exclude Israel from any regional Unesco programmes. The motions were carried by the votes of Arab, Asian and Soviet block nations.

Israeli delegates to Unesco said the resolutions isolated the Jewish state symbolically and diplomatically and excluded it from effective Unesco participation.

Mr Mbow said: "The only new fact is that Israel is now the only member state not to be included in one of the regions with a view to the execution of regional activities. Israel continues to be listed for elections to the executive board in group one (Western Europe)." —Reuter.

EEC talks on beef

Brussels, Dec 6.—Latin American envoys today pressed the EEC to start negotiations for a long-term agreement on European beef imports, officials said.

The demand came at a regular meeting between EEC representatives and the Brussels Ambassadors of 18 Latin American states.

A statement said the Latin American delegates recalled their serious concern at the EEC's continued ban on beef imports. The ban was introduced in June because of a growing surplus of European beef. The surplus is still in excess of 200,000 tonnes and the ban has been prolonged indefinitely.

Five Latin American beef producers—Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay and Uruguay—have already protested to the EEC about the ban.

Today, the envoys called for negotiations "without delay" but the EEC delegation could only express the hope that Europe would soon be in a position to start talks.

Latin American officials said no date was fixed for talks on beef, but they expressed hopes that these might be started early next year after the EEC fixes its agricultural prices for 1975.—Reuter.

Yugoslav anger over dispute with Austrians

Belgrade, Dec 6.—Yugoslavia today threatened to internationalize its dispute with Austria over the rights of Yugoslav minorities living in Austrian border provinces.

Quoting official sources, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said that an Austrian Note of last Monday "closes the door for a bilateral solution

The Austrian Note rejected Yugoslav accusations that Austria had failed to fulfil treaty obligations

Thousands idle in Spanish strike wave

Madrid, Dec 6.—Illegal work stoppages today affected thousands of Spanish workers, adding to the political pressures on the Government of Señor Arias Navarro.

Labour sources said that strikers ranged from industrial workers to grape pickers in the Andalusian vineyards. Some of the stoppages were political and others to press wage demands.

Señor Arias Navarro has come under heavy pressure to amend his programme for political reform. Moderates warn him that what he is doing may be too little and too late.

The magazine *Cambio-16* said that it was no good to try "to tiptoe towards democracy. . . . There are examples in history proving that last-minute reforms help little to pass to the future without a thousand shocks".

Prices on the Madrid Stock Exchange dropped by more than five points since Tuesday.

Bank sources said that the Stock Exchange had turned bearish after Señor Arias Navarro presented his long-awaited draft law to legalize political associations.

The proposed law, to be enacted before the end of the month, would put all political groups under the control of the Falange-led National Movement.

Tacito, a group of political moderates led by former government officials who resigned last month in protest against a hardening of the regime, today called the proposed law unconstitutional. They said that it gave a political body, and not the Government and judiciary, control over the new groups.

The strikes centred on Madrid, the Barcelona region and Valladolid where 9,000 workers of the Fasa-Renault plant have stopped work to press wage demands for the second time this autumn. Press reports also said that 8,000 metal workers were on strike in Pamplona.

In Barcelona, an estimated 20,000 workers walked out yesterday to protest against the arrest of 25 alleged Communist strike organizers.

The police today announced the arrest of another 20 people in the San Sebastian region, including alleged Basque terrorists.—UPI.

OVERSEAS

Democratic candidates on display at convention

From Patrick Brogan
Kansas City, Dec 6

The Democratic mid-term convention got down to business today with the background full of obscure fights over the rules and the foreground full of would-be presidents of the United States.

This last is a very strenuous occupation. Senator Lloyd Bentsen had two breakfasts this morning, one with the national committee, one with the Texas delegation, and an hour later he had an animated conversation with his wife.

This took place just before the opening of a seminar on economic policy and the Bentsen's conversation was evidently very interesting. Very amusing (they smiled all the time) and very private.

They were both oblivious to the dozen television cameras lined up 6ft away, to record this moment of conjugal intimacy which, or course, ended the moment that the cameramen had enough on film.

The other happy candidates were equally visible. Representative Morris Udall, of Arizona, and Senator Henry Jackson, like Senator Bentsen, have special booths set aside for them on the convention floor. They have large suites in their hotel to dispense liquid refreshment and solid political fare to all, and put out a daily newsletter to explain their activities.

The seminars are probably the most important part of the convention, even from the candidates' point of view. Those who attend can get a far better idea of what the party is thinking about than by listening to the speeches of the party's leaders.

Delegates from all the states can tell the party leaders what they are worried about and, although their thoughts will be condensed and paraphrased by the various *rapporteurs* who will submit their final reports on Sunday, the message, or some of it, will get through.

The seminar on the economy was told by a black businessman from New York's black ghetto, Bedford-Stuyvesant, that his people were already suffering from 20 per cent unemployment and that the figure would go up to 40 per cent next year. That particular ghetto has a population equivalent to the twentieth largest city in the United States.

Senator Jackson explained the economic situation (all the troubles are the fault of the Republicans and the Arabs) and cracked a few jokes. Nobody laughed. Nobody ever laughs at the senator's jokes, which is the chief count against his hopes for the presidency.

Professor Francis Bator, of Harvard, told the same seminar that there would be 8 per cent unemployment—7,500,000 people—next year. What was needed were tax cuts and increased Government expenditure of between $20,000m (£8,000m) and $30,000m.

America, as a society, he suggested, could not afford to deal with inflation by maintaining a reserve army of unemployed.

This was the theme of the economic seminar, and it will doubtless be echoed when the convention opens this afternoon and moves a resolution denouncing President Ford for the country's economic difficulties.

The terms of the resolution have not been published yet.

Mr Nelson Rockefeller in happy mood after the House Judiciary Committee completes its hearing's on his nomination for Vice-President.

Herr Schmidt nudges US leaders gently

From Fred Emery
Washington, Dec 6

A pledge that West Germany would not shirk its responsibility to support America's "leading role" in resolving world economic problems was given here today by Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor.

Addressing the National Press Club at the close of his official visit, Herr Schmidt clearly intended nudging both President Ford and Congress towards assumption of that leadership.

At a meeting with German reporters beforehand he had expressed confidence in the speed and resolution of American leadership, once decisions were taken, but said his Government hoped for results much faster than his hosts were suggesting.

He said Mr Ford had spoken of the recession "bottoming out" by the middle of next year, but Germany was looking for reflationary action much earlier. The decision whether to reflate, on whatever scale, had not yet been taken here, but he expected it might be within two or three weeks, according to those attending his briefing.

Another prominent European visitor also seemed to be prodding the United States. Sir Christopher Soames, EEC Commissioner for External Relations, reiterated the urgency for the multi-lateral round of trade liberalization negotiations that have been stymied for months by congressional inaction.

"I just cannot believe it is not going to be passed", he said when asked for his assessment of the all-important trade Bill. He had heard optimistic words here, but he judged the congressional process to be "a cliffhanger".

Once again he insisted on the importance of the "symbolism" of the trade negotiations. In these difficult times, he said, it was vital for the main industrialized nations to be seen talking sense round a table rather than resorting to *sauve-qui-peut* acts and economic chauvinism.

The West German Chancellor's speech was notable for reflecting EEC coolness towards Dr Kissinger's proposal for a $25,000m (£11,000m) fund for petrodollar recycling.

From what Sir Christopher also said here, it seems the EEC and the United States positions are still quite far apart on the proposal for a "dialogue" between oil consumer and producer.

On recycling the oil millions Herr Schmidt reiterated West Germany's position that, for a start, it should be direct borrowing from the oil producers. As that became more difficult, through the problems of the borrowing countries, recycling should be increased through international institutions.

He added, in implicit support of Mr Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who first proposed it: "We feel that the International Monetary Fund is the proper instrument to be considered first for the purpose."

The Americans are cool towards the IMF and want the industrialized countries to have their own special interdependent fund.

Soyuz 16 cosmonauts get ready to make descent

Moscow, Dec 6.—The two Soyuz 16 cosmonauts said today that they have completed their experiments and are about to start getting ready for the homeward journey. Since Monday they have been in space on a flight designed to simulate next July's orbital link-up with an American Apollo.

Lieutenant-Colonel Anatoly Filipchenko and Mr Nikolai Rukavishnikov, the civilian flight engineer, appeared on television today. "Our experiments have come to an end and soon we shall start to pack", Colonel Filipchenko said.

They were feeling well and they proudly showed viewers a flag and badges of the Young Communist League which decorates a bulkhead of their pea-green, bubble-shaped spacecraft.

During the day they continued a series of docking experiments to check on the space-handling characteristics of the mechanism that will attach Soyuz to Apollo. "The tests of the docking gear went without any hitches", Tass reported.

The cosmonauts also completed experiments with microbes and plants and continued observations of the growth of micro-organisms. These are similar to experiments that will be carried out jointly with the three Apollo crew.

Colonel Filipchenko, aged 46, and Mr Rukavishnikov, aged 42, are the back-up crew for the July mission.—UPI.

Khmer Rouge advance on Phnom Penh

Phnom Penh, Dec 6.—Insurgent forces are making a determined effort to break through the Government's defence line around Phnom Penh, authoritative sources said today. Fighting had taken place south-east of the capital after advances by the communist-led Khmer Rouge in the past 36 hours.

In Vietnam communist troops hit Government positions in the Mekong delta overnight, leaving the fate of a district headquarters garrison uncertain.

The radio of the district headquarters at Hung Long, some 130 miles south-west of Saigon, went off the air after the position came under attack.—Reuter.

Pilots object to findings on Washington crash

From Peter Strafford
New York, Dec 6

A dispute has broken out between the American Air Line Pilots' Association and the National Transportation Safety Board over the air crash on Sunday outside Washington in which 92 people were killed.

The pilot's association has attacked the board for a statement which, it considers, implicitly blames the flight crew for the crash. The board is standing by its statement. It said that the aircraft had descended to a height of about 1,800ft when the minimum for the area was 3,400ft.

The aircraft, a Boeing 727 of Trans World Airlines, crashed in bad weather at a height of about 1,700ft on the approach to Dulles airport, west of Washington.

The question at issue is whether the landing instructions received by the crew authorized them to descend to 1,800ft, or whether they should have known from their own information that they could not go below 3,400ft.

Federal officials say that the landing instructions do not obviate the need for pilots to take account of local features requiring certain altitudes. The pilots argue that this should be included in instructions from the control towers.

The pilots also say that the use of recording equipment in aircraft cabins should be used only by investigators, and the recorded conversations should not be published. They have threatened to switch off all such equipment on April 2 unless there is agreement on this.

The New York Times has reported that the equipment records one member of the crash crew referring to the 3,400ft limit, but being overruled by another.

American is acquitted

Rome, Dec 6.—Mr Jack Begon, an American journalist, was acquitted by a Rome court today of charges that he faked his own kidnapping last year.

Mr Begon, who is 63, disappeared in July last year and turned up a month later

Guerrilla killed in clas[h] at kibbutz near borde[r]

From Our Correspondent
Tel Aviv, Dec 6

A guerrilla was killed today in a *kibbutz* near the Lebanese border after he shot and wounded two Israelis. The shooting occurred in Rosh Hanikra, two miles south of the border and a mile from the Mediterranean coast. The guerrilla was assumed to have crossed from a base in Lebanon.

The Army declared the area out of bounds to civilians and the press while intensive searches were conducted in the surrounding hills and gulleys for possible accomplices.

A settler said a breach had been found in the settlement's security fence soon after midnight and the village guards were reinforced. However, no signs of intruders were discerned until 5.30 am when Mr Gil Livneh, aged 34, was shot in his dwelling on the fringe of the settlement.

A neighbour said the victim had been awakened by a knock at the door and was greeted by a burst of fire when he opened it. Three bullets hit him. He was later reported out of danger in a hospital. His wife, children and dog were with him in the dwelling.

The intruder or intruders disappeared in the darkness as armed settlers gathered at Mr Livneh's house. Women and children were sheltered at assembly points and the armed forces were alerted.

One of the settlers, Mr Yehuda Shahar, later told reporters that he and Mr Yoav Tomer were instructed to take *their guns and carry out a room* by room search of the village, marking the buildings as they were confirmed clear.

At 10.55 pm, after they had checked between 200 and 300 rooms, they entered [an] uninhabited dwelling and [shots] were fired at them from [the] bathroom. Mr Tomer fired [into] the bathroom and was graze[d on] the hand.

Soldiers then surrounded [the] building and blasted the [guer]rilla hideout with guns [and] grenades. They stormed [the] dwelling and found the [body]. The rest of the village [was] combed and no sign was f[ound] of any more intruders.

Mr Peres, the Defence [Min]ister, visited the scene. Lat[er at] a luncheon here, he said [the] Lebanese would have to [con]tinue paying the price [for] incursions from their terri[tory].

Beirut, Dec 6.—A Palest[inian] guerrilla raiding party fou[ght a] 15-hour battle today [with] Israel troops, tanks and [he]copters in and around the [...] Israel settlement of [Rosh] Hanikra and later ret[urned] safely to base, the gue[rrilla] news agency Wafa said.

The agency, which speak[s for] the Palestine Liberation O[rg]ization, said one guerrilla [was] killed in the encounter [which] began at midnight. The ra[iders] inflicted a large numbe[r of] casualties on the Israelis [and] damaged vital installation[s be]fore returning to their [bases] "inside the occupied lands" [the] agency said.

Although Israel troops p[oured] into the area in large num[bers] they "failed to discover [the] whereabouts of our revol[ution]aries", the agency said.

"Despite the siege cla[mped] down on the area for 15 [hours] by the enemy's troops, p[lanes] and armour, our revolutio[naries] managed to break throug[h the] siege and returned safe[ly to] their base inside the occ[upied] lands, with the exception o[f one] of our heroic fighters."—U[PI]

Statue of Christ moved o[ut] of sight in Jerusalem

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, Dec 6

A controversial statue of Jesus has been moved out of sight of Jerusalem and turned to face away from the Old City after a long verbal battle between Polish Catholic nuns, Jewish religious zealots and the municipal authorities.

The dispute has ended amicably after the intervention of the Apostolic Delegate in Jerusalem, Mgr William Carew, of Canada. He persuaded the nuns to move the statue to a different part of the grounds of their House of Peace orphanage on the Mount of Olives.

Then another difficulty appeared. The Greek Catholic Church, whose priests are reported to be in dispute with the nuns, refused to allow access to the orphanage along a road they control so that workmen could not move the statue. They later relented as a favour to Mr Teddy Kollek, the mayor of Jerusalem, who has given a donation towards the cost of the statue's transfer.

The 12ft statue by an Arab sculptor has had a stormy history. While it was standing in his garden on the Jeru[salem-]Bethlehem road awaiting [com]pletion, it was attacked [by] vandals, who apparently [used] ladders to reach the head. [Its] nose was smashed and [other] damage done.

This came after comp[laints] made by religious Jews, [who] object to "graven ima[ges]".

It was because of this tha[t the] statue was moved to the cr[oss]age on the Mount of Oliv[es in] July last year. The nuns [were] told that they should not put it up without a permit.

Feelings on both sides [have] been soothed by Mgr Carew [who] said that the statue was "o[f a] large size for its location" [and] added: "This is strictl[y an] aesthetic matter, not a reli[gious] one, and the nuns should [have] promptly agreed to compl[y with] the city regulations."

They have now don[e so.] Instead of standing with [its] outstretched over the cit[y, the] statue in white stone has [been] moved to a shaded [...] cloistered area not far aw[ay. To] make sure that it is not v[isible] from outside, the stone w[all of] the orphanage is to be hi[gher] by almost 3ft.

Fewer dead than feared in airport collapse

Teheran, Dec 6.—Sixteen persons died and 11 were injured in the collapse of the snow-laden roof of the passenger terminal at Teheran's Mehrabad international airport yesterday, Mr Hushang Arbabi, head of the Iranian Civil Aviation Board, announced today.

"The figure is final", he said. "Fortunately there are far fewer casualties than we anticipated earlier."

Mr Arababi said a team of 500 police, firemen and soldiers, working round the clock had recovered all the bodies buried in the twisted steel and concrete when the main terminal roof collapsed under the weight of a 6in layer of snow.

He said detection devices had shown that no more bodies were in the debris. Earlier airport officials feared that as many as 60 people might have been trapped.

Airport officials said the terminal roof may have been weakened last summer when an open garden was covered to get more terminal space.

The 11 injured are being treated in hospital. One of [them,] Mr Edward Alfred Caswell, [aged] 57, from Detroit, told rep[orters] that he escaped with o[nly a] broken shoulder after spe[nding] two hours trapped beneat[h] rubble.

Mr Caswell said he wa[s sit]ting on a bench in the a[irport] lounge with a friend wh[o said] "heard it coming". To[ons of] gravel and roof materia[l came] over him. He said there [were] about 50 people in the l[ounge] at the time.

The airport, closed to t[raffic] after the 4 pm acciden[t, was] opened today.—UPI and R[euter.]

Malcolm Brown writes: [...] Colquhoun and Partners [...] British consulting enginee[rs] trained on the Mehrabad a[irport] project from 1955 to 1964 [said] yesterday that the portion [of the] structure which collapse[d on] Thursday was designed an[d con]structed before they wer[e ap]pointed consultants.

They had not been in[volved] in the substantial modific[ations] and additions to the ter[minal] building which had taken [place] over the past 10 years.

Court challenge by secretary

From Our Correspondent
Canberra, Dec 6

The political storm over what is already being called the "Morosi affair" raged on today with a challenge thrown out by the attractive secretary involved to those "spreading stories about me" to lay charges in court.

"I will not allow these people to continue to try to damage my reputation in order to advance their own aims", said Miss Juni Morosi, aged 41, after declining a job as private secretary to Dr James Cairns, the Deputy Prime Minister, because of the controversy.

The storm broke when an opposition MP charged that Miss Morosi and her husband, Mr David Ditchburn, were involved in a company being investigated by the New South Wales Corporate Affairs Commission. It was also claimed that Senator Lionel Murphy, the Attorney General, had used his influence to get her a government flat in Canberra.

In the few days, it has next week before rising for the Christmas adjournment, it is clear that the Opposition, which commands a majority in the Chamber, intends to do its utmost to gain as much political advantage as it can from the incident.

Senator Withers, the Liberal leader, said today that they intended to demand that the Government table all files and information relating to the matter. They would question closely the role played by Senator Murphy.

Labour senators claimed today that the Opposition was pushing the Morosi controversy to distract public attention from the Liberal Party's leadership problems highlighted by the resignation of its Victorian state secretary.

Dr Cairns commented that the press had played a despicable part in the ordeal to which Miss Morosi had been most unfairly subjected. "You have been trying people in public without any evidence", he told a group of reporters.

In a statement earlier, Miss Morosi said: "I have informed the Deputy Prime Minister that I have decided to decline his offer to accept an appointment on his staff. I have taken this decision because of the incessant barrage of innuendos and vilification which has been directed against me through some of the media.

"Journalists, photographers and cameramen have been pestering me to an intolerable degree. They have followe[d me] and my family continuous[ly for] several days, spying on u[s and] interfering with our priva[cy.]

"In this situation, pres[sures] of this kind forced me to [...] protect my children, my f[amily] and my friends. Those wh[o are] spreading the stories abou[t me] seem to be trying to use [my] damage Dr Cairns and the [Gov]ernment. I will not allow [these] people to continue to [try to] damage my reputation in [order] to advance their own [aims.] Those who spread stories [based] on a wrong and malicious [in]pretation of some events i[n the] past can have the satisfa[ction] of now knowing that they [have] prevented me from workin[g as] a man I admire."

She went on: "I chal[lenge] all of those people making [state]ments about me to lay ch[arges] in court about me. I wan[t the] opportunity to vindicate m[yself] so that I can do the work I [am] chosen to do."

Mr Al Grasby, a former M[inis]ter of Immigration and no[w a] Federal Government's [com]munity relations adviser a[nd to] whom Miss Morosi was [em]ployed, said she could [keep] working for him again [on] Monday. "I will not be a[ct]ing as her judge, jury or pro[se]cutor as some people appear [to be] doing in recent days", he

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King Constantine tells Greeks monarchy is national unity symbol

m Our Correspondent
ens, Dec 6

ing Constantine warned the ek people tonight that ional unity was the main dition for survival at at time supreme danger for the ntry.

he exiled monarch, whose is to be determined by plebiscite on the monarchy t Sunday, was speaking in television broadcast which nd up the two-week paign.

e said: "Our country can- withstand further adven- s. The national forces must roup in order to confront cial problems in the foreign d. We must help Cyprus, that is no mere figure of ech."

bservers in Athens believe , although the impression ited by the King's television earances is favourable, the narchy's chances of winning day's plebiscite, are still far w 50 per cent.

oyalists and anti-royalists ined equal time on tele- n, thanks to the Karamanlis ernment, which remains tral in the controversy.

ing Constantine protested two counts: the plebiscite, said, was being held simply ause the junta had changed regime, although none of political parties had ially challenged the mon- y during the dictatorship. ides, he said, he had become target of personal attacks which he was unable to y.

I became the target not of political but mainly of sonal, harsh invective which failed to respect the acy of my personal feel- ", he said. "Vulnerable n all directions and totally rotected, the King has no t to follow up these attacks. The King does not argue and cannot be vindictive. He must remain silent. I did."

The junta had tried to humiliate him because "it felt that a king, whether exiled or illegally abolished, remained for everyone, as I remained for seven years, the only source of legality".

The challenge had given him a unique opportunity and a rare emotion: to communicate directly with the people. "All of you there in the fatherland, free, and I alone here in exile, to be able to speak to each other simply, you and I, people and King."

He felt that the people's judgment could not rely on old criteria nor on passion and prejudice, which had been overtaken by time as well as by the overwhelming events of recent years.

"Today, a democracy with king or without simply reflects two facets of the same institution—of democracy", the King said. "It is no longer a partisan affair. It is a question of assessment of particular circumstances, it is a question of which one guarantees better the normal functioning of democracy and safeguards the nation's interests today, but mainly tomorrow."

King Constantine said he was determined to safeguard the unity of the nation. "I belong to the new generation", he said, "and live at the pace of time, of a dynamic time which opens the way to the future. I am the first to give a hand to all. Let us visualize under a bright Greek sun, a Greece that is strong and happy. See you soon".

The campaign for the plebiscite, punctuated by incidents, mutual accusations, and harangues, ended tonight. Saturday will be a day of meditation before polling day.

Athens farewell for Archbishop Makarios yesterday from Mr Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister.

Archbishop keeps them all guessing

From Paul Martin
Nicosia, Dec 6

Archbishop Makarios returns here tomorrow to a homeland that has changed its face, and a people who are expecting miracles he will not be able to perform. When the wild acclaim that greets him subsides, he will be faced with the realities that face the island.

Since the coup, which drove him into exile four months ago, the 38,000 Turkish troops have completed its physical division into zones of population. Now, only 14,000 Greek Cypriots remain in the north and about 20,000 Turkish Cypriots in the south.

For the past few days thousands of homeless Greek Cypriots have begun gathering in the capital. Groups of chanting, banner-waving supporters have taken up positions around the archbishopric for tomorrow's speeches.

An ever watchful Turkish invasion force, on full alert for the past 24 hours and able to overrun the rest of the island, is a grim reminder of the task facing the archbishop and the Greek Cypriot leadership, but it is surprising how many of them feel that time is on their side. What is feared is that the ethnarch may be among them.

If so, then there is every likelihood that the foreboding with which his return has been viewed by his foes will prove justified. Even some of his closest supporters do not know what he intends to do.

Triumph for the democratic process though it is, the timing of his return has created a new atmosphere of uncertainty. It had been made known that if Mr Clerides, the acting President, and Mr Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, could have continued their talks unheeded, agreement on the island's constitutional future could be possible in perhaps a few months. The future of these talks is now in doubt.

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n David Bonavia
ng, Dec 6

is hoped to hold the ese National People's Con- s before the end of this year, Teng Hsiao-ping, a Deputy e Minister, has told a nese visitor.

r Daisaku Ikeda, the leader the politically important gakkai Buddhist sect in n, reported this after a ting yesterday with Mr g. He quoted the Chinese ier as saying that deputies he Congress—the first in 10 s — had already been cted. However, there were minor difficulties.

is believed that the Con- s may be put off until uary if the unspecified ficulties" cannot be sorted earlier.

r Ikeda also met Mr Chou ai, the Prime Minister, in pital in Peking and reported he was physically weak but tally alert.

uring Mr Ikeda's talks, ese officials are said to have hasized the need for early clusion of a peace treaty with n.

uerrilla enticed om embassy Mexico City

exico City, Dec 6.—A Mexi- guerrilla held three French omats at gunpoint for five s yesterday, demanding m in France. The police d him out of the French assy, however, and arrested

e Ministry of the Interior, h controls the political e force, said the man, iden- d as 31-year-old Miguel el Torres Henriquez, is a ber of "the 23rd of Sep- er Communist League".

an official statement it that Señor Torres Hen- z was the "intellectual or" of the murder last of Señor Eugenio Garza , one of the country's thiest men.

deral agents who sur- ded the Embassy enticed r Torres Henriques out, ising him safe conduct to ice. He boarded a car, rently provided by the e to take him to the air- . "Once at the airport he disarmed by federal agents arrested", the Ministry —A.P.

Gandhi-inspired movement poses a big challenge to political orthodoxy

Old man with a message for India's youth

From Michael Hornsby
Delhi, Dec 6

The current agitation in Bihar, led by Mr Jayaprakash Narayan, a septuagenarian Gandhian activist, is developing into the most stimulating challenge to political orthodoxy in India since independence from Britain was achieved 27 years ago.

After more than eight months, Mr Narayan's movement shows signs of becoming much more than a temporary political problem for Mrs Indira Gandhi (no relation to the Mahatma) the otherwise all-powerful Prime Minister, and has compelled many thoughtful Indians to question the relevance of the political system adopted in 1947.

Mr Narayan, or "J.P." as he is universally known, emerged into the limelight with his espousal of the cause of Bihar University students who mounted a campaign earlier this year against official corruption, inflation and high unemployment.

JP was not satisfied with their limited aims. The goal must be "total revolution", he told his youthful followers in Patna last June. "We have to go far, very far. . . . It will not be easy to act upon the revolutionary ideas I am going to place before you. You will have to make sacrifices, undergo suffering, face lathis [police batons] and bullets and fill up jails."

But what are these "revolutionary ideas"? They can best be understood in relation to Mr Narayan's own intellectual development. Born the son of a junior irrigation officer in Bihar in 1902, he became a communist while studying sociology at the University of Wisconsin.

Disillusionment set in when Moscow withheld its support from India's "national bourgeois" independence movement, and he became the leader of the socialist wing in the Indian National Congress and a close ally of Mr Jawaharlal Nehru.

Often imprisoned by the British during the "Quit India" agitation, Mr Marayan escaped from jail in 1942 and organized a band of saboteurs who derailed trains and cut telephone lines. He believed that violence was justified again an alien ruler.

He left the Congress Party with some colleagues soon after independence and founded the Socialist Party, which was routed in subsequent elections.

In 1954 he left formal politics, partly doubtless in pique, but also because he was growing more and more convinced that neither Westminster-type democracy nor rapid industrialization on the Soviet model could solve India's poverty.

He plunged into the neo-Hindu *Sagvodaya* (universal uplift) movement, which, independently of the Government, works on Gandhian lines to raise the cultural, moral and material standards of the peasant and the labourer.

Here he became closely associated in the *bhudan* (land-giving) campaign of Vinoba Bhave, the wandering ascetic, now nearly 80, who still journeys on foot from village to village persuading local landlords to make over a portion of their estates to the landless.

The campaign often achieved better results than government land reforms, but it is also true that much of the land donated proved to be stony and unproductive.

By 1965 Mr Narayan was devoting himself mainly to the more complex *gramdant* (village sharing) scheme. Here all landowners were supposed to transfer their titles in trust to a village assembly, composed of one adult representative from each family, which would manage the community's affairs in the interests of all.

One twentieth of the village land was to be given to the landless, and the bigger landowners were to make over at least one fortieth of their produce to the village. Others could contribute a portion of their earnings in labour, cash or kind. Like many beautiful ideas, it has had rather a qualified success in application.

It was during these years that Mr Narayan's ideas took their present shape, and they found expression in 1959 in a document entitled *A Plea for Reconstruction of the Indian Polity*.

Briefly, he argues that Western-type democracy is not only irrelevant for India but basically deficient because despite its popular aspirations it has remained government of the many by the few. The individual citizen is left at the mercy of power imposed from above, over which he has little control.

He proposes that it should be replaced by what he variously terms "communitarian" or "participatory" democracy, where power comes from below and as little as possible is delegated upwards.

In the Indian context, this means a political pyramid based on the 575,000 village communities in which 80 per cent of the population of 580 million live. The higher organs of state power are derived electorally from the lower bodies and retain only a coordinating function, eventually—and here JP betrays his Marxist beginnings—"withering away" altogether.

Mr Narayan: His hope lies in village power.

In this system, the village is conceived of in Gandhian or *sarvodaya* terms as a miniature, self-governing republic, with a self-sufficient, non-industrial economy purchasing necessities from local co-operatives or manufacturing them at home. Conflicts are resolved by the village elders without resort to the courts and decision-making is by consensus.

Groups of villages may join together to elect representatives to "people's assemblies" whose members can be recalled at any time if they fail to satisfy those who put them there. Political parties in the conventional sense disappear.

Mr Narayan sees the present campaign in Bihar, one of the poorest and most caste-ridden of Indian states, as an attempt to realize these ideas.

He sees the setting up of students' and people's "action committees", and the use of *satyagraha* (non-violent civil disobedience) techniques to disrupt local administration, as having paved the way for the formation, perhaps early next year, of a people's assembly which will operate as a parallel government until the present and (in his eyes) discredited state assembly is dissolved, and fresh elections can be held.

So far J.P. has found a more receptive audience for his vision of a village-based Utopia among the disaffected middle-class youth of the towns than in the countryside. He has carried his message beyond the borders of Bihar to Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab, though to date the response has been tentative.

There are plans for a million people to demonstrate outside the Delhi Parliament next March. The movement has not been as non-violent as J.P. would claim, but the official riposte, with more than a score of followers shot dead by police, hundreds injured and thousands arrested, has been savage.

J.P. is exploiting very successfully what has been well described as the "saintly" tradition in Indian politics. When he recently turned down an offer of the leadership of a united grouping of opposition parties, he was shrewdly recognizing how much his public appeal derives from his apparent lack of political ambition, so different from the squalid manoeuvring and corruption all around

He commands the deep respect of many in the ruling Congress Party itself as a living reminder of the Gandhian path they chose not to follow in 1948.

By far the most virulent criticism of and effective opposition to him has come from the pro-Moscow Communist Party of India (CPI) which, by playing on the threat posed by the Bihar movement, appears to calculate that it can recover some of the influence it has lost of late in the higher councils of the Congress Party.

The CPI pictures JP and his followers as a ragbag of "right reactionaries" and "fascists" aided and abetted by the ubiquitous American Central Intelligence Agency. (Moscow comment also takes this line.)

JP's main strength is that, while his political thought has roots in Marx, Rousseau and other Western sources, the final product is distinctively Indian in a way that cannot be said either of the Nehru family's liberal democracy or such challenges to it as the abortive Naxalite movement, which attempted to marry Bengal terrorist traditions to Maoist doctrines of guerrilla warfare.

JP once said that India had to choose between Gandhi and Mao Tse-tung, between, as it were, the handloom and the gun barrel. Mrs Gandhi's task is to show that hers is still a viable third way.

lrs Gandhi berates West r causing world crisis

n Our Own Correspondent
i, Dec 6

rs Indira Gandhi, the Indian e Minister, today criticized tern countries and said the ent world crisis was due ely to their "inability to age the international eco- ic system justly or effi- tly".

ecause of the threat to their styles, some people in the t blamed the present bles on the growth of popu- n in countries like India. ports and cartoons in tern newspapers create the ression that grain is being n by them only to feed a, even though we import about 3 per cent of our irements", she said.

augurating a national con- nce on population, Mrs Gandhi complained that India's agricultural progress was completely ignored by the West and the achievements of its atomic scientists misrepresented.

India was lectured on the need to have right priorities while "a tiny majority in the affluent countries is using up food, petrol and other essential commodities out of all proportion to their needs".

She had been told by an authority that more milk powder was fed to animals in Western Europe than went to the children of all the developing countries put together.

Mrs Gandhi conceded that India's population growth rate —at present more than 2 per cent a year—had to be reduced, but this would not be done "in deference to the barrage of propaganda which is directed against us".

India dismayed by Diego Garcia base decision

From Our Own Correspondent
Delhi, Dec 6

India has expressed its "deep concern" over the British Government's recently announced approval of American plans to expand their naval facilities on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

Mr Kewal Singh, the Foreign Secretary, conveyed the Indian view to Mr Frank Mills, the British Acting High Commissioner, three days ago, it was disclosed today. India was "totally" opposed, he said to the establishment of any foreign bases in the Indian Ocean, which would encourage naval competition

He is reported to have expressed surprise that despite its very good relations with the countries of the region Britain should have insisted on taking a step known to be vigorously opposed by all of them.

Two ministers replaced in Ethiopia reshuffle

Addis Ababa, Dec 6.—The Ethiopian Provisional Military Council announced today that they had replaced the Foreign Minister in a reshuffle of 14 civilian and military posts apparently aimed at removing opponents from key posts.

A new Defence Minister and new commanders of the Air Force and police were also announced.

Mr Kifle Wodajo, former Ambassador in Washington, replaces Zewde Gabre-Selassie, a cousin of the deposed Emperor, as Foreign Minister. Zewde Gabre-Selassie is in New York attending the United Nations General Assembly.

Mr Ayelew Mandefro, a Foreign Ministry official, succeeds the late General Aman Andom as Defence Minister. The general was killed in a gun battle at his home in Addis Ababa last month.

Brigadier-General Taye Tilahun becomes commander of the Air Force. He has been in charge of Air Force affairs at the Defence Ministry.

Brigadier-General Behane Teferi, former commander of the police force in Harrar, in eastern Ethiopia, is the new national police chief.

The announcement did not mention the fate of their predecessors. Unconfirmed reports said that General Yohannes Wolde, the outgoing commander of the Air Force, had been arrested.

The Amharic newspaper *Addis Zemen* today accused imperialist countries of creating unrest in Ethiopia to try to overthrow the Government and of acting in agreement with supporters of the former Emperor.

Observers believe that the article was chiefly aimed at the United States.—Reuter.

PARLIAMENT, December 6, 1974

Guarantee of working capital for British Leyland will enable company's requirements to be met

MR BENN, Secretary of State for Industry (Bristol, South-East, Lab) made a statement about British Leyland.

He said—Discussions have been taking place with the company regarding both its short-term requirements for working capital and its long-term investment programme. Because of the company's position in the economy as a leading exporter and of its importance to employment, both directly and through the many firms that are dependent on it, the Government are informing the company's bankers that the approval of Parliament will be sought for a guarantee of the working capital required over and above existing facilities. I am satisfied that this will enable the company's requirements to continue to be met without interruption.

In response to the company's request for support for their investment programme, the Government also intend to introduce longer term arrangements, including a measure of public ownership. In order to help the Government, in framing a scheme for this purpose, it proposes to appoint a high level team, led by Sir Don Ryder and including members drawn from the Industrial Development Advisory Board, to advise on the company's situation and prospects and the team will consult the company and the trade unions in the course of their work.

A further statement about the arrangements for the inquiry team will be made shortly, and I will also put before the House the proposed guarantee to the banks for their approval.

MR HESELTINE, Opposition spokesman on industry (Henley, C)—What is the amount of the guarantee he will be asking for and putting before us? He says he is satisfied the amount of the guarantee he is giving will be sufficient for the company's requirements, so he must know about the company's financial circumstances.

Can Mr Benn assure us that when the guarantee is put before the House he will make available to us the latest information about the background to the company's position?

What research has he done on the effects on company liquidity from the inflationary pressures affecting all British industry and can he say how much he believes the wage pressures developing in the Midlands are threatening other companies on a scale which now has overwhelmed British Leyland?

Will he ask Finance For Industry to consider what part they can play in the long-term requirements of British Leyland? The mere existence of British Leyland owes itself to an earlier act of Government intervention through the Industrial Reorganisation Corporation. Why does he think that public ownership will solve the problems which do not seem to have anything to do with ownership of the company but to do with internal problems?

Will he ask the independent advisers to recommend whether or not public ownership is desirable or will he instruct them that that is the given solution? Will he ask them whether or not there are proposals that could be implemented for changing the structure and ownership of British Leyland as it is composed as an alternative?

Will he ask them to report on the appalling strike record which has gone some way to aggravate the company's appalling difficulties?

Three-day week

MR BENN—On the amount, it would be sensible for us to await the study to be undertaken by the inquiry team. I am not in a position to give an authoritative answer today.

On the facts which led to the situation, the motor industry world-wide is experiencing substantial difficulties and, indeed, British Leyland was adversely affected by the three-day week earlier this year.

The FFI might possibly have a role but Mr Heseltine should await the team's report and my report to Parliament.

On the extent and role of public ownership, if sums are to be put into private industry it is right that that should be reflected in the degree of public participation.

MR LUARD (Oxford, Lab)—Mr Benns undertaking of Government support for the company will be widely welcomed by many of those who work for British Leyland, among whom there has been much anxiety over recent months about its future. Can he give an undertaking that in the forthcoming discussions about the future investment programme for the company there will be maximum possible consultation with those who work for the company and that in particular one of the main concerns will be to maintain stable levels of employment in the various factories of British Leyland throughout the country?

MR BENN—I am sure the statement will be welcomed. There will be full discussion with those who work in the plant.

Disruption

MR EYRE (Birmingham, Hall Green, C)—British Leyland's survival is of great importance to prosperity in the country generally and in Birmingham in particular. Continued industrial disruption has lost a great deal of production in recent years. Thousands of cars were lost last year when the market was high and sales easy. That production was essential to support the continued programme of investment for the future.

Mere job-saving operations are not enough. What special efforts will be made by the Government with the unions to see that these catastrophic losses of production through industrial disruption do not take place again?

MR BENN—It is most unhelpful at this stage to begin a premature examination of blame. Where there is a firm of this magnitude, employing this degree of skill, it would be better for the House to have referred to it the result of the study so that we can examine how to do better in the future than in the past.

The company has suffered from a number of factors, including world-wide problems and the effect of the three-day week.

SIR GEOFFREY DE FREITAS (Kettering, Lab)—In considering the long-term future of the British motor industry will he look at the history of the French national publicly-owned motor industry? Whether we like it or not, American and Japanese competition may drive us to have a publicly-owned European motor industry.

MR BENN—I understand the point, but he is anticipating a lot of decisions and discussions that will have to take place before one can contemplate such a matter. The French publicly-owned motor industry has been successful and the French Government itself recently decided to make a substantial injection into Citroen because of its links with Peugeot.

MR JOHN LEE (Birmingham, Handsworth, Lab)—There is now urgency about this matter. How long will it be before the inquiry reports so that the uncertainty can be resolved?

MR BENN—I cannot say how long. This statement will provide the necessary reassurance.

MR SHERSBY (Hillingdon, Uxbridge, C)—Why does the Secretary of State have to wait for the report from this high-level team before making the proposal for public ownership when he has already said that the company can continue?

What proposals has he for consulting the shareholders in the company as well as the unions and management?

MR BENN—Until the team reveals the extent of support, the extent of public participation will not become apparent. I shall be in contact with the company representative function and the unions.

MR ATKINSON (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab)—The problems of British Leyland are problems of accountancy and not of engineering. It is possible that this will be the first major planning agreement after discussions between the private company and the British Government.

In terms of the restructuring of the whole motor industry, would he assure the House that the Government are lifting their sights well above the £100m talked about for some time and in order to bring about a fundamental restructuring of the industry and provide a sufficiently wide base for the future prosperity of this country will he talk about a guarantee of some £250m-£300m equivalent?

MR BENN—It would be wrong to say that the only problems are ones of accountancy. One of the advantages of planning agreements would be that they would provide a better early warning system of developing circumstances, including problems on the investment side.

On the total sums, I shall have to report this matter to Parliament and win its assent for our proposals.

MR HILARY MILLER (Bromsgrove and Redditch, C)—His department has been in discussion with British Leyland for some period and his remarks about a better system of early warning are not immediately understood on this side.

When he comes to place the guarantee before the House for the working capital—and I welcome the removal of doubt from this great enterprise—will he make clear how this working capital is to be serviced?

As I understand it, the difficulty about a loan to British Leyland was that its profit margin was not adequate to service a loan and therefore there was a question of need to take up equity participation.

When the Secretary of State comes to deal with it will he make plain at what price shares are to be purchased?

MR BENN—On the early warning, there have been links between the department and this company over a long period. Even so, a planning agreement on a more systematic basis, which I think would have been acceptable and will be acceptable to British Leyland, would have been more advantageous if in existence before.

The House is entitled to know when I come forward with an affirmative resolution as much as it needs to know about these arrangements. It would be wrong to read across from the special problems of British Leyland general conclusions about British industry as a whole.

MR HUCKFIELD (Nuneaton, Lab)—Will he ensure that because this is the only motor-making company which does not have investment decisions taken in Detroit or Dearborn, for any public money there will be adequate public control and accountability?

Accountability

MR BENN—It is certainly true that from 1966 onwards when Chrysler acquired Rootes, British Leyland was in a special sense a British motor industry in itself. The discussions we would have with them would be on that basis. I certainly share the view that there is a strong national interest in the success of British Leyland. If it does involve public finance, as it will, there must be proper accountability.

MR RIDLEY (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C)—Is Mr Benn saying that he has given an open guarantee of unlimited amount to this company without any parliamentary approval over its size? What has he done to stop taxpayers' money going direct into industrial disruption, strikes, wage claims and excessive demands?

MR BENN—The Industry Act was passed by the previous Government. It did provide for that Government and this Government a valuable instrument to uphold the public interest. We have used it wisely in this case.

Government want to see healthy and profitable small firms sector

SIR WILLIAM ELLIOTT (Newcastle upon Tyne, North C) opened a debate on the problems of small and medium sized businesses. He said in Britain there were 800,000 small businesses with less than £25,000 per annum profit. This figure excluded agriculture, horticulture, and fishing.

Small businesses should be exempted from the proposed wealth tax. There was an enormous danger of many private businesses going out of existence within one generation and this would have a detrimental effect on the future health and strength of the economy.

He hoped no attempt would be made by the Government to overturn the Lords decision to ease the increased burden of national insurance contributions on the self-employed. The Opposition deplored the proposals in the Social Security Amendment Bill which substantially increased the tax burden on the self-employed. There were two million people in business or the professions on a self-employed basis.

In recent years people had been mesmerized by the size of business. In this time of dangerous inflation they could not do better than encourage that sector of industry which was, and had been successful in the past.

MR CRYER (Keighley, Lab) said small businesses had tax advantages. They could get allowances against equipment and vehicles they used which the PAYE employed person could not.

There ought to be improvements in company legislation to protect the good name of many small and medium sized businesses. At the moment it was far too easy for people to operate near the periphery of the law and bring the name of companies generally into disrepute.

MR BURDEN (Gillingham, C) said one of the great dangers to the country was the constant growth of great, monolithic enterprises. The Labour Party started it through nationalization.

Where there were huge concerns in the private sector, there was instant encouragement for the left-wing to try to nationalize them. The size of them made it easy.

Many exciting suggestions were still-born in the minds of the creators in the big enterprises because there was no opportunity to pursue them. It was significant that strikes, lock-outs, and general unrest existed mostly in the nationalized industries and large industrial concerns. It was wrong to imply that there were the same problems in smaller companies.

People were more than a little fed-up with the power wielded by unions in the big industries. Those unions held the country to ransom. They could browbeat the country, often for political motives.

MR LOVERIDGE (Havering, Upminster, C) said small firms could offer specialist products for which there was a limited demand but an urgent need. They were known, too, for their happy working atmosphere.

MR GRAHAM (Enfield, Edmonton, Lab) said the trend to bigger business units was there and they ignored it at their peril. The writing had been on the wall for small businesses for many years. The biggest enemy of the small business was the rapacious big business which wanted to get bigger and bigger.

MR ROST (South-East Derbyshire, C) said the chief enemy of small business was this Government and their policies. Small business as well as big business was demoralized, frustrated and on the verge of collapse. If something was not done soon small business people would revolt. They were fed up with penal legislation and had had just about enough of being trampled on by an anti-business government.

MR DAVID MITCHELL (Basingstoke, C) said it was ironic and disastrous that against a background of rising costs and other problems the Chancellor chose to increase corporation tax in the spring Budget. At the very time industry needed more working capital Mr Healey had donned the robe of asset stripper and started to take away the very working capital that these businesses needed.

In the first nine months of this year bankruptcies had risen by 42.5 per cent compared with 1973. Now there was the threat of the wealth tax.

Because of the proposed wealth tax, many proprietors were taking money out of their businesses rather than using it in the business for expansion.

The capital transfer tax meant that no man would be able to pass on his business to the next generation. At the age of 50 a man would not seek to expand his business; he would play golf. It would not be worth while building it up because he could not carry out that most human of motivations—the transfer intact of what he had built up.

Money is the root of all employment (he said) and the danger which faces this country is that small businesses will be so starved of cash flow that they will be in danger. Britain faces a crisis. Our future depends on the encouragement and extension of smaller businesses.

MR MACKENZIE, Under Secretary of State for Industry (Rutherglen, Lab) said there were 1,250,000 small firms, responsible for about 20 per cent of the turnover of industry and trade.

They employed six million people—about 20 per cent of the employed population.

The Government had readily recognized the debt owed to the small firm sector. Its efficiency, characteristic flexibility and adaptability, and contribution to the economy reflected the personal qualities of everyone associated with it, employees as well as employers.

No one with any appreciation of the long hours and work entailed thought it was an easy or soft option. But it was not just a question of long hours and devotion. There had to be a much better understanding of some of the new techniques. Stock control and an appropriate accountancy system were as important to the success of a small business as to a large one. So were successful marketing and promotional techniques.

Assuming the wealth tax was based on the Green Paper figure of £100,000, it was reasonable to assume that it was not likely to affect small businessmen.

He was mindful of the effect of local rates on the small business community and he understood from his colleagues that the present system undoubtedly needed reforming. The Layfield Committee was looking at this and the Government hoped that small businessmen would take the opportunity of raising the matter with the committee.

The Government desired that there should be a strong, healthy and profitable small firms sector and they would do all they could to assist them.

House adjourned, 4.23 pm.

Correction

Mr John Cope (Gloucestershire, South, C) made the speech which was wrongly attributed to Mr Robert Cooke (Bristol, West, C) in our report on Thursday of the debate on the Church of England (Worship and Doctrine) Measure.

SPORT

Racing

Bruslee may be first to complete notable Cheltenham double

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Cheltenham is staging one of the most attractive day's racing this winter this afternoon. With Lanzarote, Comedy of Errors and Attivo all standing their ground, the Cheltenham Trial Hurdle is the perfect foil to the Massey-Ferguson Gold Cup, the most valuable race. With £8,000 added, this handicap steeplechase, run over two miles and a half, has attracted an excellent field, probably the strongest in its history which now spans 12 years.

Consider the facts. With the exception of the two bottom weights, Prize Crew and The Spook, all of the runners have excelled at Cheltenham at one time or another. Captain Christy and The Dikler have each won the Cheltenham Gold Cup once. It was during the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham that Crisp, Canasta Lad, Denys Adventure Garnishee were seen at their best.

Crisp won the National Hunt Two Mile Champion Steeplechase within four months of arriving in this country from Australia, where he spent his formative days. Canasta Lad and Denys Adventure have both won the Arkle Challenge Trophy in their time, Canasta Lad last March and Denys Adventure a year earlier. And it was at Cheltenham in March that Garnishee won the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup by 15 lengths. But, for sheer consistency none can rival the record of Bruslee there. His last five races have all been at Cheltenham and he has won all of them.

When last seen, Bruslee won the Mackeson Gold Cup by eight lengths. No horse has ever won both the Mackeson Gold Cup and the Massey-Ferguson Gold Cup. The races are a month apart, but run over the same course. However, Bruslee is the favourite to complete this double and, with his record, it will take a good horse to thwart him.

Admittedly, Bruslee was carrying only 10 st 7 lb when he won the Mackeson Gold Cup, but there are grounds for thinking that he would have won his race even more easily than he did had he not lost a good pitch when he was hampered four fences from home. An 8 lb penalty has increased his weight to 11 st 2 lb this afternoon, but he has the size and the qualities not to be put out. Bruslee has made many friends by his controlled style of racing. I am one of his most ardent admirers, and I will be both surprised and disappointed if he is beaten this afternoon.

He is a natural, bold jumper and capable of finishing really strongly. Soothsayer had no answer to that finish a month ago, and I doubt whether any of his eight rivals will be able to do any better this time. Captain Christy must give Bruslee 19 lb. This should be beyond even this talented horse, who became the first novice to win the Gold Cup for 22 years when he beat The Dikler by five lengths in March.

The Dikler will be meeting Captain Christy on 5 lb better terms this time. Both have run well up to a point in their only races this season. Captain Christy finished fifth in the Free Handicap Steeplechase at Punchestown in October, whereas The Dikler finished sixth in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on his reappearance.

Crisp has not been seen since he beat Red Rum by 8 lengths at Doncaster 13 months ago. He broke down in that race and it would be expecting too much of him to beat one as progressive as Bruslee on his reappearance, even though he had done a great deal of ground work.

Canasta Lad has been bitterly disappointing in both his races this season, provoking the thought that several hard races in the past two years have left their mark. Denys Adventure has never been an easy horse to train and has not run for almost 21 months.

Garnishee has been penalized for winning his last race at Sandown Park. But, he was not impressive and I will be surprised if Bruslee fails to give him 8lb. Prize Crew and The Spook look well and truly out of their depth.

Lanzarote and Comedy of Errors will be at loggerheads for the first time since Lanzarote deposed Comedy of Errors at Cheltenham in March. Both have had two races this season, so both ought to be at their best. And just for good measure Attivo is being thrown in the deep end as well. He was the best of the younger hurdlers last summer.

I think that it would be expecting too much of Attivo to believe that he is capable of beating either Lanzarote or Comedy of Errors this time. He has been beaten by Comedy of Errors once this season and he is meeting them both on slightly worse terms than is laid down in the weight-for-age scale.

Comedy of Errors probably won more friends by the way that he won the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle than Lanzarote did at Ascot when he won the Kirk and Kirk Hurdle. But I have been led to believe that Lanzarote needed his two races after his summer's rest and that we will see the champion in his true light this afternoon. In March Lanzarote beat Comedy of Errors by three lengths. There were no ifs and buts about that result and he is my selection again this time.

Frigid Fred, a new stable companion of Lanzarote ran well enough in the race won by Jer at Sandown Park a week ago to suggest that he ought to give his backers a good run for their money in the *Daily Express* Triumph Trial Hurdle. Mrs Parsons, a fluent winner at Kempton, Lintam and Honoured Guest look like forming the hard core of his opposition.

If Bruslee does win the big race, Steadygaze will put the finishing touches to an unforgettable day in their trainer Michael Scudamore's life if he wins the George Stevens' Handicap Steeplechase, as well he may. William Pitt, a runaway winner of his last race at Sandown Park, when he was wearing blinkers for the first time, will be difficult to catch in the Panama Cigar Hurdle (qualifier) at Lingfield Park, if he is in the same attacking mood.

STATE OF GOING (official): Cheltenham: Good to soft. Lingfield Park: Soft. Catterick Bridge: Good to firm. Nottingham (Monday): Hurdles course, soft, steeplechase course, good to soft. Teesside Park (Monday): Good to soft.

Saint Accord leads over the last fence to win the Waterside Steeplechase at Lingfield Park yesterday.

New tactics work for Party Time

Donald Underwood, who turned the flat race runner, Mon Plaisir, into a highly effective hurdler has a similar bright prospect in Party Time, who gained his first victory at Lingfield Park yesterday in the first division of the Caterham Novices' Hurdle.

Party Time was strongly fancied on the strength of his first appearance at Sandown Park a week ago and this time different tactics were used by Gary Old. At Sandown the five-year-old fought for his head but yesterday he was allowed to go on at the fifth and from there it developed into a match with Tommy Tiddler.

Tommy Tiddler was a danger until he made a mess of the second last jump and although rallying gamely his challenge on the flat failed by a length. On the face of it Party Time's performance did not look out of the ordinary but Underwood was adamant: "My horse really hated this holding ground. Gary told me he couldn't go a yard in it. I purchased Party Time with one race in mind, the Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham. I am sure he'll stay two and a half miles. Meanwhile Party Time will run at Kempton on Boxing Day."

Mrs Mary Slade, a Kent owner, was compensated for Tommy Tiddler's defeat when Prince Antoine wore down Pierino in the second division of the Caterham Novices' Hurdle. "My horse was out of racing for two years with a split pastern, and Ryan Price nursed him back with the greatest patience and understanding", Mrs Slade said. But Price missed this success. He is in Rhodesia where he is opening a racecourse.

"Chummy" Gaventa transferred his team of horses to Ronald Smyth in the summer of 1973—a move he has never regretted. He had 13 wins on the flat last season and Barmitzvah Boy gave him his second success over jumps with a stout display in the Limpsfold Handicap Hurdle.

Setra set his usual strong gallop, but between the last two flights Barmitzvah Boy got on terms. Landing first on the flat he stayed on the better in the hands of Paul Beasant, to score by three lengths.

There is no place like Lingfield for Saint Accord. Taking up the running from Chance a Look coming down the hill in the Waterside Handicap Steeplechase he held off Tuscan to register his sixth victory over the course.

Bruslee's Massey-Ferguson Gold Cup prospects were boosted when the stable companion, Puckham, won the Kineton Opportunity Handicap Steeplechase at Cheltenham by eight lengths. The trainer, Michael Scudamore, said: "I don't think any horse is an even money chance but if Bruslee is with them at the last. he'll win!"

Fred Winter, who runs Crisp in the Massey Ferguson, notched a double with Pengrail in the Bath Novices' Steeplechase and Night School in the Bristol Long Distance Novices' Hurdle (second division). Winter has always held a high opinion of Pengrail, who is by Pendil's sire Pendragon. Pengrail stops when he hits the front so Richard Pitman kept him covered up until the run-in, and then sprinted past Brown Admiral and the pacemaker Brantridge Farmer, whose jumping, first time over fences, was erratic.

Woodriggs was an impressive winner of the Joe Coral Golden Hurdle qualifier for Roger Rowell and Miss Auriol Sinclair, bursting six lengths clear of Zera's Son. Miss Sinclair, who bought Woodriggs in Scotland as a prospective steeplechaser, on the advice of the late Peter Cazalet's former head man, Jim Fairgreaves, said: "I'll keep him hurdling until he gets too high in the handicap, then he'll go over fences."

David Nicholson saddled his first Cheltenham winner when What a Buck proved his stamina with a forceful display of jumping in the Tony Teacher Steeplechase. What a Buck is ridden out every morning by David's wife, Dinah. David said: "No one else is allowed to touch him. He's still a baby but I was confident he would stay, and he could be a National horse one day."

Cuckolder, the favourite, made several mistakes and was well beaten when he finally came down three fences from home. Prophecy was another faller, and his partner, Sandy May, received a kick, which will prevent him riding today.

A toast to 19th win for Whispering Grace

By Jim Snow

Few horses have captured the loyalty and admiration of northern racegoers more than the 11-year-old Whispering Grace, topweight with 11 st 8 lb in today's Bertola Sherry Handicap Hurdle at Catterick Bridge. He has won 18 races over hurdles and on the flat for Neville Crump and, as much for this fine record as for his undiminished zest for racing and willingness to pull out everything in a close finish, he is understandably No 1 favourite in the Middleham stable.

Whispering Grace had no reason to rouse himself in October when he won the other £2,000 Bertola Sherry Handicap at Ayr. He then carried 12 st 2 lb to win the sponsored race for Pat Buckley by six lengths from Hooked Again. He was giving Gordon Richards's five-year-old 18 lb, and this was a notable performance. Leaving aside my affection for Whispering Grace, whom I see two or three times a week trotting up to the gallops at Middleham, I must select him to win a second Bertola Handicap Hurdle on form, for he is well handicapped.

I think that Neville Crump, as the winning trainer, may shortly be unpacking a case of the sponsors' sherry. The horse Whispering Grace may have to fear most is Charlie Hall's good four-year-old filly, Super Nova, perhaps the best of her age over hurdles in the north and the winner of two of her three races this season.

Catterick's other sponsored race, the Ladbroke Middlesbrough Dragonara Handicap Hurdle, may provide a third victory for Pottersville.

Tony Dickinson and his son, Michael, are rarely out of the news, and a week ago they were associated with Dorlesa, winner of the Benson and Hedges Steeplechase. Together they may win the opening race, the Cleveland Handicap Steeplechase, with Winter Rain, and the Charles Vickery Memorial Cup with Clareville, and they are not without a chance of making it three in the Hurworth Novices' Steeplechase

Cheltenham programme

[*Television (BBC2)*: 12.45, 1.15, 1.45 *and* 2.20 *races*]

12.45 FRED WITHINGTON STEEPLECHASE (£1,293 : 3m 1f)

101 3u-1121 Highland Abbe (CD) (Mrs Hankey), L. Kennard, 8-12-2 .... A. Andrews
102 3f-1 Stalonist (Mrs McMeekin), P. Cundell, 7-11-11 .... R. Pitman
103 0020-22 Alpenstock (H Thomson), Mrs Gaze, 7-11-6 .... R. Hyett
105 00-0024 Indian Red (M. Marsh), Marsh, 9-11-6 .... M. Gifford
106 040103 Lictor (E. Courage), Courage, 7-11-6 .... D. Sunderland
107 23o4 Moonarica (A. Hartnoll), Hartnoll, 6-11-6 .... R. R. Evans
111 34-4314 Royal Thrust (Mrs Greenhalgh), F. Rimell, 5-11-5 .... K. White
112 33-21u2 Silver Delight (Sir E. McAlpine), F. Cundell, 5-11-5 .... B. R. Davies
113 1410-34 Willy What (Mrs Wakeham), S. Mellor, 5-11-5 .... J. Glover
2-1 Highland Abbe, 11-4 Stalonist, 9-2 Silver Delight, 16-1 Alpenstock, 8-1 Willy What 10-1 Royal Thrust, 16-1 others.

1.15 TRIUMPH HURDLE TRIAL (3-y-o : £1,187 : 2m 200yds)

201 12140 Firealik (A. Fenty), G. Balding, 11-3 .... R. Bailey
202 011 Freebourne (P. Bowker), W. Haigh, 11-3 .... A. Meaney
205 1 Lintam (Mrs Meats), D. Barons, 11-3 .... V. Soane
206 21 Mrs Parsons (C. Cleary), F. Rimell, 11-3 .... J. Burke
208 031322 Old Chad (G. Farndon), A. Jarvis, 11-3 .... A. Grisdale 7
209 1124 Our Friend (R. Clifford-Turner), P. Mitchell, 11-3 R. G. Hughes
210 21f Pizza (Mrs Green), C. Miller, 11-3 .... D. Cartwright
211 f31 Polly Rocket (M. Thorne), Thorne, 11-3 .... Mr King 7
212 n Angrehend (A. Smith), R. Turnell, 11-0 .... N. Mitchell 7
214 222 El Monino (Ld Chelsea), C. Bewicke, 11-0 .... J. King
215 First Footman (B. Thomas), W. Marshall, 11-0 .... W. Smith
216 4234 Emperors Raid (Mai Hambro), L. Kennard, 11-0 .... A. Andrews
217 4 Frigid Fred (Mrs Ceballos), F. Winter, 11-0 .... R. Pitman
219 4 Honoured Guest (H. Joel), R. Turnell, 11-0 .... A. Turnell
221 0 Mandemon (A. Bowman), Thomson Jones, 11-0 .... D. Mould
221 2 Montreal Boy (C. Gaventa), R. Smyth, 11-0 .... P. Beasant 7
222 f Noblero (A. Richards), D. Hanley, 11-0 .... J. Raine
225 20 Woodland Reward (Mrs Henriques), W. Marshall, 11-0 M. Wagner
3-1 Mrs Parsons, 4-1 Montreal Boy, 11-2 El Monino, 6-1 Frigid Fred, Our Friend, 8-1 Honoured Guest, 10-1 Woodland Reward, Pizza, 16-1 Polly Rocket, 30-1 others.

1.45 CHELTENHAM TRIAL HURDLE (£2,390 : 2m 200yds)

303 1112-f1 Comedy of Errors (CD) (E. Wheatley), F. Rimell, 7-11-10 .... K. White
304 1111-31 Lanzarote (CD) (Ld H. de Walden), F. Winter, 6-11-10 R. Pitman
305 111-2 Attivo (CD) (P. O'Sullivan), P. Mitchell, 4-11-7 .... R. Hughes
307 0-00 Duc D'Orleans (A. Cox), L. Carrod, 4-10-5 .... R. R. Evans
8-11 Lanzarote, 7-4 Comedy of Errors, 11-2 Attivo, 100-1 Duc D'Orleans.

2.20 MASSEY-FERGUSON GOLD CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £5,897 : 2½m)

401 11111-0 Captain Christy (CD) (Mrs Samuel), P. Taaffe, 7-12-7 .... R. Coonan
402 12121-0 The Dikler (CD) (Mrs August), F. Walwyn, 11-12-3 .... R. Barry
403 311- Crisp (CD) (Sir C. Manifold), F. Winter, 11-12-2 R. Pitman
404 111-11 Bruslee (CD) (Mrs Rees-Davies), M. Scudamore, 8-11-2 .... A. Turnell
405 2111-00 Canasta Lad (C) (Mrs Hague), P. Bailey, 8-10-11 .... J. King
406 Denys Adventure (C) (Mrs Henriques), T. Forster, 9-10-7 .... G. Thorner
407 0113-u1 Garnishee (CD) (J. Goldsmith), Thomson Jones, 10-10-6 .... D. Mould
409 030113- Prize Crew (D) (E. Bell), K. Oliver, 12-10-0 .... C. Tinkler
410 404224 The Spook (O Henley), W. Charles, 8-10-0 .... R. R. Evans
Evens Bruslee, 3-1 Captain Christy, 13-2 The Dikler, 12-1 Garnishee, 14-1 Canasta Lad, 16-1 Crisp, 35-1 Denys Adventure, 50-1 others.

2.55 GEORGE STEVENS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £683 : 2m)

501 0212-22 Centaur (D) (R. Smith), F. Walwyn, 6-11-10 .... A. Branford
503 43-0231 Steadygaze (CD) (Mrs Rees-Davies), M. Scudamore, 8-11-1 .... A. Turnell
506 1120-p1 Front Seat (Mrs Paterson), A. Paterson, 10-10-12 M. Paterson 7
507 2 1-0 Emperor's Jade (D) (T. Crawford), F. Rimell, 8-10-11 K. White
508 13-1004 Tashlisa VI (CD) (M. Marsh), M. Marsh, 6-10-10 .... M. Gifford
509 1- No Scotch (Mrs Perkins), S. Mellor, 8-10-9 .... J. Glover
511 043u2 Napoleon (D) (J. Hughes), F. Cundell, 7-10-3 .... B. R. Davies
11-4 Centaur, 7-2 Steadygaze, 4-1 Napoleon, 11-2 Front Seat, 8-1 Emperor's Jade, Tashlisa VI, 12-1 No Scotch.

3.25 NEWENT HURDLE (Handicap : £715 : 2m 200yds)

601 21403-0 Old Man Dimplex (E. Wade), W. Marshall, 7-11-10 M. Wagner
602 21-0234 Perambulate (Mrs Neals), D. Barons, 5-11-10 .... V. Soane
603 044-040 Cantilo (CD) (S. Hunt), L. Kennard, 8-11-8 .... A. Andrews
604 Zarib (CD) (Mrs Greenhalgh), F. Rimell, 6-11-5 .... K. White
605 04f120- Birds Nest (I. Scott), R. Turnell, 4-11-4 .... A. Turnell
606 0-40441 Rosslare (H. Joel), R. Turnell, 5-10-13 .... N. Mitchell 7
607 11000-0 Drumwynk (Mrs Powell), D. Hanley, 5-10-12 .... J. Haine
610 0- Quarrymaster (Mrs Cropp), R. Hannon, 6-10-8 .... J. King
611 31-0010 Littlegood Beau (J. McCaughey), J. Webber, 4-10-4 A. Weber
612 000-133 Glendale (J. Aitken), J. Spearing, 7-10-4 .... Mr H. Evans 7
613 0404-00 Lyon del Mar (H. Tudor), R. Akehurst, 5-10-1 .... P. McEntee
614 0-0 Fad (Sir E. McAlpine), F. Cundell, 8-10-0 .... P. Sweet 7
615 10010-0 Nelson Boy (A. Darlington), D. Barons, 4-10-0 D. Cartwright
616 200000 Harsh Note (M. Weston), G. Balding, 8-10-0 .... R. Bailey
617 322102 Grey Dove (G. Price), G. Price, 5-10-0 .... Mr Jones 7
619 0p0-04 Tommy Gun (C. Miller), C. Miller, 6-10-0 .... I. Mancini 7
620 02/0-00 Cortado (R. Harvey), F. Walwyn, 4-10-0 .... L. Howard 7
4-1 Perambulate, 9-2 Rosslare, 13-2 Zarib, 8-1 Old Man Dimplex, Bird's Nest, 10-1 Cortado, Cantilo, 12-1 Glendale, 14-1 Grey Dove, Drumwynk, 20-1 others.

Catterick Bridge programme

[*Television (IBA)*: 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

12.45 CLEVELAND STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £442 : 2m)

2 111-002 Winter Rain (D) (F. Tydesley), A. Dickinson, 6-11-2 .... M. Dickinson
4 42211-4- Scottish Folly (CD) (Mrs Katz), A. Bastiman, 7-10-2 D. Munro
5 4112-0p Half Hooked (D) (J. Barker), J. Calvert, 8-10-1 .... Mr N. Tinkler 7
6 13-4231 Wyse Hill (D) (R. Baker), Denys Smith, 7-10-0 A. Dickman 3
7 313200 Peapack (CD) (Mrs Dixon), V. Thompson, 7-10-0 J. O'Neill
9 0-f3000 Brassato (F. Colon), Colon, 7-10-0 .... G. Holmes
4-5 Winter Rain, 9-2 Wyse Hill, 8-2 Half Hooked, 10-1 Scottish Folly, 14-1 Peapack, 33-1 Brassato.

1.15 HURWORTH STEEPLECHASE (£272 : 3m 300yds)

1 41f21p Artican (D. Adams), W. A. Stephenson, 7-12-5 .... T. Stack
3 0107-1f Tostal Time (G. Faber), A. Dickinson, 6-12-5 .... M. Dickinson
4 031201 Border Grain (Mrs Dixon), V. Thompson, 5-12-1 .... J. O'Neill
7 031-000 Clicquot Signal (E. Hunter), B. Wilkinson, 7-11-10 J. James
9 0f0433 Isloamrada (R. Clay), Clay, 6-11-10 .... P. Connors
10 003-301 Little Andy (Mrs O'Neill), O. O'Neill, 5-11-0 .... P. Jones
11 32f0-40 Till Brig (J. Marshall), R. Cross, 6-11-10 .... D. Moorhead
12 121-00 Wishcot (H. Lambert), J. FitzGerald, 5-11-8 .... T. Skiffington
13 4f-0fuf Golden Festival (E. Bardgett), H. Wharton, 6-11-5 .... P. J. Kelly 7
14 0-u0u24 Hyperum (A. Liggins), G. Vergette, 5-11-3 .... P. J. Kelly 7
16 00-000f Lucifa (Mrs Birtwistle), W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-3 W. Redfern
13-8 Tostal Time, 4-1 Border Grain, 9-2 Artican, 6-1 Wishcot, 8-1 Little Andy, 12-1 Till Brig, 14-1 others.

1.45 BERTOLA SHERRY HURDLE (Handicap : £1,681 : 2m)

1 1100-1 Whispering Grace (D) (S. Green), N. Crump, 11-11-8 .... P. Buckley
3 221-211 Super Nova (D) (J. Mitchell), W. Hall, 4-10-12 .... T. Stack
5 0330-00 Mahalakshmi (D) (A. Taylor), J. FitzGerald, 7-10-7 .... T. Skiffington
6 421200- Solid Silver (CD) (Mrs Newton), F. Carr, 5-10-6 M. Blackshaw
8 30-0000 Avon Bay (CD) (D. MacDonald), MacDonald, 5-10-3 D. Goulding
10 4-22 Hooked Again (D) (J. Fawcett), G. Richards, 5-10-1 J. O'Neill
11 00-2 Tutor's Best (D) (Mrs Banks), M. Banks, 6-10-0 .... P. Russell
12 200-0 Sir Garnet (D) (J. McGhie), G. Richards, 5-10-0 .... C. Brownless 7
14 2uf0-00 Chanting (CD) (F. Farrow), S. Hall, 6 10-0 .... D. Munro
16 4-021b0 Welton Lad (D) (J. Henderson), T. Barnes, 4-10-0 .... M. Barnes
17 1001-02 Meli Melo (D) (D. Adams), W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-0 .... J. Murphy 7
18 40003- Acropola (D) (F. Scotto), D. Williams, 5-10-0 .... B. Fletcher
7-2 Super Nova, 4-1 Whispering Grace, 9-2 Hooked Again, 5-1 Meli Melo, 6-1 Tutor's Best, 10-1 Mahalakshmi, 12-1 Avon Bay, Chanting, 14-1 others.

2.15 CHARLES VICKERY MEMORIAL CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £667 : 3m 300yds)

3 04042-2 Clareville (E. Roberts), A. Dickinson, 7-11-9 .... M. Dickinson
5 1102-13 Erring Burn (C) (P. Cox), G. Richards, 8-11-4 .... J. O'Neill
7 00-134f Tartan Tutor (CD) (R. Bethell), Bethell, 7-10-9 .... D. Goulding
8 2f012-0 Hugo Duncan (W. Morrison), K. Oliver, 6-10-8 .... M. Barnes
9 2pu4-01 Wolverhampton (B. Davies), D. McCain, 7-10-5 .... R. Crank
10 33000-0 Sarona (D) (Mrs Walton), F. Walton, 7-10-5 Mr J. Walton
11 00330 Kildrummy (Mrs Green), W. Crawford, 9-10-1 .... T. Stack
11-8 Clareville, 3-1 Erring Burn, 4-1 Wolverhampton, 13-2 Tartan Tutor, 10-1 Hugo Duncan, 16-1 others.

2.45 MIDDLESBROUGH DRAGONARA HURDLE (Handicap : £1,028 : 3m 300yds)

1 413142- Go Bingo (G. Reed), S. Hall, 5-12-2 .... D. Munro
2 020- Red Wolf (B. Comber), A. Potts, 9-11-11 .... P. Buckley
3 240f- Lochar Moss (CD) (D. MacDonald), MacDonald, 9-11-4 .... Mr A. Eubank 5
7 p03314 The Songwriter (P. Callander), J. Gibson, 5-10-12 .... M. Gibson
9 013f-0f Bergangor (Mrs Smith), G. Richards, 5-10-9 .... J. O'Neill
10 30u-pf Tortuga (A. Bell), T. Boll, 8-10-8 .... J. Williams 7
11 00-0010 Dante Rambler (R. Stephenson), W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-8 .... T. Stack
12 00-11 Pottersville (B. Newton), F. Carr, 5-10-8 .... M. Blackshaw
13 43032-0 Clarino (Mrs Walton), F. Walton, 7-10-7 .... Mr J. Walton
18 1-214f0 Lucky Mate (J. FitzGerald), FitzGerald, 8-10-0 .... T. Skiffington
18 Gilmarsh (J. Henderson), T. Barnes, 5-10-0 .... M. Barnes
19 4-d2143 Lothian Countess (Mrs Crawford), Crawford, 6-10-0 .... Mr N. Tinkler 7
20 101p-00 Lucky Victory (T. Hutchinson), W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-0 .... W. Redfern
21 311-000 Old Stephen (J. Walby), W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-0 R. Collins 7
22 0-40800 Colsper (J. Cassidy), D. McCain, 4-10-0 .... Mr A. Cassidy 7
23 004312- Copper Sea (J. Richardson), Richardson, 5-10-0 .... B. Sayles 7
24 0030-40 Lucker Princess (A. Dickinson), V. Thompson, 5-10-0 J. Bourke
2-1 Pottersville, 7-2 Bergangor, 11-2 The Songwriter, 7-1 Dante Rambler, 12-1 Go Bingo, Gilmarsh, 16-1 Lucky Mate, Old Stephen, 20-1 others.

3.15 SINNINGTON HURDLE (Handicap : £204 : 2m)

1 000-0 Hello (D) (Mrs Atkinson), W. Atkinson, 6-11-8 P. Mangan
2 201 Sea Dragon (D) (I. Southorn), J. Hardy, 10-11-8 .... S. Holland
4 203-400 Prims Boy (Mrs McMahon), A. McMahon, 8-11-5
5 3403-00 Domitasago (D) (C. Saunders), Saunders, 7-11-4 Mr C. Saunders
6 00-p400 Laredo (A. Kemp), Kemp, 6-11-2 .... V. Percival 5
7 00- Master Pilot (D) (V. Thompson), Thompson, 7-11-0 .... T. Stack
10 0410f0 Beware (D) (R. Moore), R. Clay, 6-10-13 .... J. Bourke
12 310040 Lickadoon (D) (Mrs Ridge), A. Bastiman, 5-10-8 .... G. Griffin
13 024000- Wigan Park (CD) (A. Percival), Percival, 13-10-6 C. Brownless 7
14 114 Charlie Bettyes (CD) (G. Morley), C. Tinkler, 8-10-4 .... Mr N. Tinkler 7
17 440-3-0 Paradis (CD) (B. Field), B. McMahon, 9-10-0 .... P. Buckley
18 200'28 Thundergay (D) (C. Jarvis), J. Gibson, 7-10-0 .... M. Gibson
19 4-19f00 Khoda Khan (D) (A. Rumsey), Rumsey, 6-10-0 .... W. Redfern
21 0030-2 Rolus (W. Chapman), D. Chapman, 5-10-0 .... K. McCauley
22 034020 Pelican Feather (Mrs Clay), W. Clay, 8-10-0 .... N. Clay 5
23 00-0204 I Like It (D) (D. Cornish), B. Richmond, 9-10-0 .... S. Taylor
27 000-00 Fox Court (D) (P. Green), Green, 9-10-0 .... R. Weaver
9-4 Sea Dragon, 11-4 Charlie Bettyes, 7-2 Rolus, 8-1 Thundergay, 12-1 Beware, 16-1 Paradis, I Like It, 20-1 others.

Lingfield Park programme

[*Television (IBA)*: 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

1.0 OXTED STEEPLECHASE (Div I : £340 : 2m)

1 1-f Alice Rosethorn (M. Sanderson), Miss Sinclair, 7-11-2 .... R. Champion
2 pfp Carsaljari (Mrs Rand), J. Long, 9-11-2 .... J. McNaught
3 400000 Somethings Missing (K. Goodall), D. Barons, 6-11-2 .... —
4 0- Benkara (Miss Lee), A. Pitt, 5-11-0 .... P. Skelton
5 00-f Tandala (Mrs Gardner), F. Winter, 5-11-0 .... J. Francome
6 0003-03 Bilbo (G. Illingworth), Thomson Jones, 4-10-5 .... P. Kelleway
13-8 Alice Rosethorn, 2-1 Bilbo, 9-2 Tandala, 6-1 Somethings Missing, 12-1 Benkara, 25-1 Carsaljari.

1.30 OXTED STEEPLECHASE (Div II : £340 : 2m)

3 0 Craigeos (W. Williams), J. O'Donoghue, 8-11-2 .... P. Butler 7
4 01100-0 Gay Manicou (A. Harrison), Mrs Oughton, 10-11-2 .... C. Read
5 42- Henry Tuffnut (M. Sanderson), Miss Sinclair, 7-11-2 R. Champion
6 03300-p Kelanne (J. Kelly), W. Williams, 10-11-2 .... —
8 00f04- Monksgrange (S. Horwood), S. Woodman, 6-11-2 C. Goldsworthy
12 410-001 Ebony Rock (J. Rogerson), T. M. Jones, 5-11-0 N. Flanagan 3
13 100301 Prince Reynard (T. Dingley), E. McNally, 4-10-6 .... G. McNally
9-4 Henry Tuffnut, 5-2 Prince Reynard, 3-1 Ebony Rock, 5-1 Gay Manicou, 7-1 Monksgrange, 33-1 Craigeos.

2.0 ASHDOWN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £871 : 2½m)

3 100p-01 Shock Result (C) (Mrs Meehan), R. Turnell, 8-11-0 S. Knight 7
5 1212f-0 Hound Tor (D) (J. Tilling), G. Harwood, 10-10-3 .... C. Read
6 23-3011 Sonny Somers (CD) (P. Brown), F. Winter, 12-10-1 .... R. Kington 7
7 21143f Polymic (J. Cobden), Cobden, 8-10-0 .... B. Jones 5
5-4 Shock Result, 7-4 Sonny Somers, 7-2 Polymic, 9-1 Hound Tor.

2.30 ERIDGE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £1,198 : 3m)

1 214-3fp Credo's Daughter (CD) (J. Bolam), S. Woodman, 8-11-9 .... C. Goldsworthy
3 10-4121 Bentley Boy (D) (H. Gibbon), D. Nicholson, 9-10-12 J. Suthern
4 14-4f12 Remigio (Mrs Paterson), F. Winter, 6-10-4 .... J. Francome
5 2112-44 Real Sharp (D) (J. Gore-Langton), Miss Sinclair, 8-10-5 .... R. Champion
7-4 Bentley Boy, 2-1 Credo's Daughter, 11-4 Remigio, 11-2 Real Sharp.

3.0 PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE (4-y-o : £989 : 2m)

1 041314 Flintstone (D) (Mrs Meats), D. Barons, 11-7 .... —
3 01 William Pitt (D) (H. Joel), S. Ingham, 11-3 .... R. Atkins
4 2-0 Altcar (G. Wright), J. Evans, 11-0 .... N. Wakley
8 20 Bitor (P. Poston), Poston, 11-0 .... Mr T. Phillips 7
9 233 Flambeau (A. Kidd), A. Stevens, 11-0 .... N. Flanagan 3
14 St Barnabas (R. Gilling), Mrs Finch, 11-0 .... R. Champion
16 00040-2 Valuable Coin (A. Kerwood), R. Ivory, 11-0 .... W. Shoemark
11-10 William Pitt, 9-4 Flambeau, 7-2 Flintstone, 8-1 Valuable Coin, 16-1 Altcar, Bitor, 25-1 St Barnabas.

3.30 MARSH GREEN HURDLE (Handicap : £612 : 2m)

1 014 Philip the Bold (D) (A. Barlow), Mrs Oughton, 8-12-5 .... D. Oughton 7
2 2333-04 Glitter Song (J. Lee), D. Underwood, 5-12-0 .... G. Old
3 11230-f Stone Thrower (D) (Mrs Head), R. Head, 7-12-0 .... S. Knight 7
4 23013p- Ocean Wave (CD) (Mrs Wildman), W. Wildman, 7-11-8 .... R. Champion
5 40132-0 Stepson (Lord Ronaldshay), S. Mellor, 4-11-7 .... C. Jones 7
6 12 Mister Fantasy (Miss Thomas), J. Gifford, 5-11-7 .... Mr G. Sloan
7 110-002 Matronmond (CD) (M. Kent), W. Williams, 7-11-7 .... —
8 0320-12 Papa Noel (C. St George), H. Price, 5-11-5 .... P. Kelleway
10 32213-2 Tudor Jewel (B. Wise), Wise, 6-11-4 .... G. Enright 5
11 01040-0 Condac (D) (Mrs Swallow), F. Winter, 5-11-0 .... J. Francome
13 000 Clifton Lad (E. Williams), R. Smyth, 8-10-12 .... R. Forsyth 7
15 00000-0 Taftan (K. Kleinwort), Kleinwort, 9-10-9 .... M. Stanley 5
18 3214f-4 Wild Pirate (Mrs Beeson), E. Beeson, 7-10-1 .... J. Jenkins
11-4 Papa Noel, 7-2 Mister Fantasy, 4-1 Stone Thrower, 6-1 Condac, 8-1 Stepson, 10-1 Glitter Song, 12-1 Tudor Jewel, 14-1 others.
*Doubtful runner

Lingfield Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.0 Alice Rosethorn. 1.30 Henry Tuffnut. 2.0 Sonny Somers. 2.30 Credo's Daughter. 3.0 WILLIAM PITT is specially recommended. 3.30 Papa Noel.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.0 Bilbo.

Catterick Bridge selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.45 Winter Rain. 1.15 BORDER GRAIN is specially recommended. 1.45 Whispering Grace. 2.15 Clareville. 2.45 Pottersville. 3.15 Rolus.

Cheltenham selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
12.45 Stalonist. 1.15 Frigid Fred. 1.45 Lanzarote. 2.20 BRUSLEE is specially recommended. 2.55 Steadygaze. 3.25 Perambulate.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.15 Mandemon. 2.50 Garnishee.

Cheltenham results

12.45 (12.46) BRISTOL HURDLE (Div I Novices: £340 : 3m)
Tom Dooley, ch g, by Snob—Vituca (Mr M. Vickers), 6-11-2 .... J. Fox (3-1 fav) 1
Plumbers Bridge, b g, by probably The Ditton—Glendalough (Mr N. Brooks), 6-10-12 .... P. Leach (33-1) 2
Bar-Silvero, b g, by Silver Cloud—Sheegwee (Mrs J. Parkman), 6-11-2 .... N. Flanagan (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Prince Artic, 7-1 Talgo Prince, 8-1 Humanist, 12-1 Shadowlax (4th), My Mate, Silent Walf, Race Riot (f), 14-1 Dolwen Wood, 16-1 Joint Endeavour, 20-1 Half Truth, 33-1 Fontenoy, Le Toy, Mocklerstown, Tom Hill. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 26p; places, 14p, £1.96, £1.01. G. Balding, at Weyhill. 12l, hd.

1.15 (1.18) BATH STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £340: 2m)
Pengrail, b g, by Pendragon—Sovereign Queen (Mrs G. Morton), 6-11-2 .... R. Pitman (9-4 fav) 1
Brown Admiral, br g, by Bargello—Dream Of Durrow (Mr H. Zoisel), 5-11-7 .... K. B. White (5-2) 2
Brantridge Farmer, ch g, by Narrator—Autumn Poem (Mrs L. Ritchie), 6-11-2 W. Smith (5-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 12-1 Tudor Risk (4th), 13-1 Cleo Baby, 100-1 Snow Track, Crafty Ann, Brighton Beau (u), Frango (u). 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 11p, 14p, 17p; dual forecast, 35p. F. T. Winter, at Lambourn. 4l, 4l.

1.45 (1.48) KINETON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £510 : 2m)
Puckham, br g, by Doubtless II—Devon Cottage (Mr R. Blandford), 10-10-10 .... P. Duggins (11-2) 1
Sybrook, b m, by Border Chief—Ronbridge (Mrs M. Porks), 6-10-11 .... K. Roberts (6-1) 2
Wild Fox, b g, by Arctic Slave—Mistress Fox (Mr H. Joel), 7-12-1 .... S. C. Knight (9-2 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Foursquare, 7-1 Mirvin (4th), 15-2 Silver Night (f), 13-1 Arne Folly (f), 14-1 Quintus, 16-1 Summer Storm, 20-1 La Danza, 33-1 Alice's Boy, Prince Twenty (f). 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 16p, 19p, 19p. M. Scudamore, at Hoarwithy. 8l, 4l.

2.20 (2.23) TONY TEACHER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £612 : 3m 1f)
What a Buck, b g, by Royal Buck—What A Daisy (Ld Vestey), 7-10-4 .... J. King (4-1) 1
Rathvilly, ch g, by Faust—Land of Smiles (Mr T. Yarde-Buller), 6-10-5 .... B. R. Davies (10-1) 2
Land Lark, ch g, by Weensland—Flying Lark (Mr T. Pocock), 9-9-7 .... P. Richards (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Cuckolder (f), 11-1 Vulgan Town (f), 12-1 Noble Hero (p), 14-1 Princess Camilla (4th), Pirodome (p), Proper Charlie (b), Nereo (u), 16-1 Junior Partner, Prophecy (f), 33-1 Mr Wrekin. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 36p; places, 15p, 20p, 37p. D. Nicholson, at Stow-On-The-Wold. 8l, 10l.

2.55 (3.1) JOE CORAL HURDLE (Handicap : £1,049 : 3m)
Woodriggs, b g, by Rubor—Joyful Light (Mrs S. Joseph), 6-10-0 .... R. Rowell (9-1) 1
Zeta's Son, br g, by Orchardist—Southern Zeta (Mr M. Buckley), 5-10-4 .... J. King (33-1) 2
Good Prospect, br g, by Orchardist—Cagire's Plumage (Mr T. Dudley), 5-10-3 .... R. R. Evans (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Adulation, 8-1 Elmir, 11-1 Saffron Cake (4th), 12-1 Croftamie, Kastrun, 15-1 Willow Hound, 16-1 The Gun, 20-1 Catagore, Lyford Cay, Modigliani, Prince George, 33-1 Cossall, Royal Reward, Definitely, Tri Star, Bayangle, Naval Affair, Capuchin (f), Donnybrook (f), Jock's Relief (p). 23 ran.
TOTE: Win, 60p; places, 25p, 78p, 23p, 24p. Miss A. Sinclair, at Lewes. 6l, 1l.

3.25 BRISTOL HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £340: 3m)
Night School, ch g, by Night and Day II—Highbrow (Mrs E. Boucher), 5-11-5 .... P. Pitman (7-2 co-fav) 1
Naseri, ch g, by Espresso—Only By Chance (Mrs B. Cayzer), 5-10-12 .... G. Cooper (20-1) 2
Hogan Hills, ch g, by Miralgo—Tiara III (Mr F. Clegg), 5-11-5 .... B. Jefferies (7-2 co-fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 co-fav Inventory, 13-1 Cronos, 14-1 Cumulus King, Four New Pence, 16-1 Joint Venture (4th), Flydal, Gyllippus, 20-1 City Slicker, 25-1 Christmas Chorus, 33-1 Indium, Blarney Time, Kalabar Rex, Auftrieb (p). 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 21p, 76p, 17p. F. Winter, at Lambourn. 2½l, ½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Puckham, Woodriggs, £33.75. TREBLE: Pengrail, What A Buck, Night School, £9.60. JACKPOT: £1,420.05.

Lingfield Park

1.0 (1.2) CROWHURST STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £204: 2m)
Celtic View, br g, by Will Somers—Grand View (Mr G. Kindersley), 7-11-10 R. Champion (9-4 fav) 1
Conned, br g, by Takawalk II—Mythical Deal (Mrs L. Winton), 7-11-0 .... C. Goldsworthy (20-1) 2
State Visitor, b g, by Pampered King—Star White (Mr F. Baldrey), 11-10-7 .... Mr S. Parkyn (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Dusty Bend, 9-2 Marcia's Mark, 13-2 Court Eclipse (4th), 8-1 Flying Tudor, Reich Mark, 20-1 Some Tulip. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 26p; Places: 13p, 52n, 39p; Dual forecast: £2.93. G. Kindersley, at East Garston. 15l, 6l. The winner was bought in for 350 guineas.

1.30 (1.33) CATERHAM HURDLE (Novices: Div I: £378: 2m)
Party Time, br g, by Parthia—Selina Fair (Mr D. Underwood), 5-11-9 .... G. Old (6-5 fav) 1
Tommy Tiddler, br g, by Bounteous—Miranda (Mrs M. Slade), 4-11-4 .... R. Champion (6-1) 2
Black Auster, br c, by Rugantino—Battle Star (Mr P. Oldfield), 4-11-4 .... J. Francome (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Meaden pu, 10-1 Makinlau, 12-1 Precipice Star, My Charlie, 16-1 Big Henry (4th), Royal Exchange, 20-1 Agrostis f, 33-1 Prides Pal, 33-1 Beaserte, Blandford Prince, Gitvic, Klontina f, No Receipt bd, Bent Polham, Prusson, Telscombe Lass, Venetian Lord. 20 ran.
TOTE: Win: 23p; Places: 13p, 16p, 41p. D. Underwood, at Bramley. 1l, 8l.

2.0 (2.02) BLINDLEY HEATH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £919: 3m)
Colondine, br g, by Colonist II—Diaphragm (Mrs E. Dudgeon), 7-11-9 .... D. O'Donovan (7-3) 1
My Virginian, ch g, by Thomasin—Ballintra (Mrs L. Winton), 7-10-1 .... C. Read (12-1) 2
Watch Night, ch g, by Star Moss—Santa Maria (Mr B. Martin), 7-9-13 .... J. Marshall (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Mr Shut Eye, 4-1 Gay Kybo f, 9-2 Gold Rights, 12-1 Terry Rogers ur, 33-1 Ludicrus Sextus (4th). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win: 67p; Places: 38p, 29p, 53p. Dual forecast: £2.51. L. Dudgeon, at Chitterne. 3½l, sh hd.

2.30 (2.32) WATERSIDE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £612: 2m)
Saint Accord, b h, by Kythnos—Nesion Daralani (Mr J. Hawkins), 8-10-12 .... G. Thorner (11-4) 1
Tuscan, gr g, by Fortino II—Moss Maid (Mr N. Henderson), 5-10-3 .... Mr N. Henderson (5-2 fav) 2
Chance a Look, b m, by Don't Look—Spinning Coin (Mr J. Button), 8-10-11 .... C. Goldsworthy (13-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Parkgate Inn, 15-2 Brigand Prince, 10-1 Soviet, 12-1 Gallic Rebel, Heath Song (4th). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 23p; Places: 15p, 15p, 28p: Dual forecast: 85p. Mrs D. Oughton, at Findon. 2½l, 1l.

3.0 (3.03) LIMPSFIELD HURDLE (Handicap: £787: 2m)
Barmitzvah Boy, ch h, by Double-U-Jay—Miss MacDonald (Mr C. Gaventa), 5-9-7 P. Beasant (4-1) 1
Setra, ch h, by Setay—Dicontra (Mr A. Neave), 6-9-7 .... P. Goldsworthy (13-2) 2
Even Up, br g, by Even Money—Safe Harbour (Mr N. Whitcomb), 7-10-9 .... G. Thorner (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Doughboy (pu), 5-1 Metala (4th), 11-2 Rossini, 7-1 Tahini, 33-1 Samboy. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win: 66p; Places: 18p, 21p, 24p: Dual forecast: £2.53. R. Smyth, at Epsom. 3l, 7l. Favedo did not run.

3.30 (3.31) CATERHAM HURDLE (Novices: Div II: £578: 2m)
Prince Antoine, b c, by Grand Roi—Ma Marie (Mrs M. Slade), 4-11-9 .... P. Kelleway (9-4) 1
Pierino, ch c, by Miralgo—Princess Puma (Mr F. Basse), 4-11-4 .... A. Branford (6-4 fav) 2
Bouzouki, ch m, by Spartan General—Last Waltz (Mr A. Sebag-Montefiore), 5-11-2 .... C. Bowen (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Marron D'or, 9-1 Gunner Smith (4th), 12-1 Merchant of Venice, 25-1 Sir Waldo, Cromwell, Golden Dove, Golden Top (pu), Kyanite, Sequence, Parleyvoodoo, Santa's Santa, Double Value, Styx (pu), Scotch Salmon, Silver Festival, Warrenbayne Prince. 19 ran.
TOTE: Win: 39p; Places: 16p 12p, 26p Ryan Price, at Findon. 1½l, 10l. Abellaro did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Colondine, Barmitzvah Boy: £11.70. TREBLE: Party Time, Saint Accord, Prince Antoine: £4.40.

Bloodstock sales

Breeding industry receives warning

A grim warning to the breeding industry was sounded by Colonel Robin Hastings, managing director of the British Bloodstock Agency, at Newmarket yesterday. On the final day of the longest Tattersalls December sales in history, he supplied details of his agency's expenditure over the past four days and emphasized how British breeders were being outbid by foreign competitors.

Between Monday morning and Thursday night, the BBA successfully bid on behalf of 24 countries, spending 1,107,650 guineas on 283 lots. But 90 per cent of the money was from abroad. Colonel Hastings said: "It is very encouraging that there should be such strong foreign demand for our breeding stock, and it is also reducing the number of moderate horses. But it will become increasingly difficult over the next few years for British breeders to compete with their overseas counterparts. We have been living off the fat of the land for a long time and now it seems all that fat is boiling away."

He added: "The December Sales catalogue has grown bigger every year until it is now bulging, but with the current trend of animals going abroad on such a large scale I foresee that a number of lots will start to go downwards in about four years when everying in the pipeline has been sold off.

"As in all industries, in order to keep up to date, it is necessary to renew the machinery and inject capital. In the bloodstock industry at the moment it is very hard for those who sell their mares in foal to replace them with fillies out of training. It is of course, easier in France and Ireland, where financial assistance is given by the government and VAT is not charged."

The joint top price in the first four hours yesterday was 13,000 guineas. The Paris firm, Agence FIPS, took the seven-year-old Ballymoss mare, Glad News, in foal to the 1972 Irish 2,000 Guineas winner, Ballymore. The Theakston Stud from Yorkshire successfully bid for another seven-year-old mare, Collateral, winner of four races from Peter Robinson's stable and now carrying an Amber Rama offspring.

The final day looked like bei[ng] an anti-climax after Thursd[ay] night's record 108,000 guineas p[aid] for Northern Gem, and this prov[ed] to be the case. The highest pri[ce] was 30,000 guineas, paid near [the] end of the sale for the Vernoi[ls] sprint winner, Princely Son. [He] was bought for stallion purpo[ses] by the Epsom trainer, Derm[ot] Whelan.

Princely Son, a five-year[-old] Floribunda horse out of the Pi[nol] mare Pinol, won nine races [for] the Berkshire stable of the n[ow] retired Ken Cundell and own[er] Wilfred Sherman.

Colonel Robin Hastings ga[ve] 17,500 guineas for Clown Case[, a] young Ballymoss mare in foal [to] the sprinting stallion, Amb[er] Rama. Colonel Hastings, of [the] British Bloodstock Agency, out[bid] the Anglo Irish agency for Clo[wn] Case, who is being exported [to] Brazil.

The BBA were also responsi[ble] for the departure of the thr[ee-]year-old Sing Sing mare [...] Rhapsody, who is certified in f[oal] to the American stallion Up [...] Case. She was purchased [for] 11,500 guineas and is bound [for] another South American coun[try,] Colombia.

Captain Kenneth Watt, [...] senior partner in Tattersalls, [said] at the end of the sale: "C[on]sidering the overall econo[mic] situation, we think the sales h[ave] been very satisfactory, ow[ing] largely to the strength of [the] foreign market. Thanks are du[e to] the bloodstock agencies, who h[ave] worked so hard to produce [this] result. For our part, Tatters[alls] have worked to create an in[ter]national market which now dor[min]ates the European scene and, [with] Christies and Sothebys, is of w[orld]wide importance'.

The takings for the final pe[riod] totalled 413,520 guineas, with [...] lots selling at an average price [of] 2,954 guineas. The total aggreg[ate] for the eight-day sale [was] 4,812,416 guineas. This was [for] 1,280 lots, the average working [out] at 3,751 guineas.

Last year's December Sa[les,] which contained 100 fewer lots [and] was held over six days, saw 1[...] horses sold for an aggregate [of] 619,696 guineas, an average [of] 5,136 guineas.

Rackets

Youth and anxiety master experience and knowhow

By Our Rackets Correspondent

Eton settled their domestic argument and the younger pair, Andrew Milne and William Boone, reached the final of the Noel Bruce Cup for rackets, at Queen's Club yesterday. They beat their seniors, David Norman and Tom Pugh, nominated as Eton II, by 8—15, 18—13, 17—14, 15—9, 11—15, 15—1 and will meet the holders, Richard Gracey and Martin Smith of Tonbridge, in tomorrow's final.

Despite the keen rivalry and the beefiness of much of the play (the ball flew about the court like a partridge in a high wind) this was an entertaining match played in good spirit and admirably refereed by David Jenkins. It was as much a trial of strength, a tug of war, between youth and anxiety on one hand, experience and knowhow on the other.

The younger pair won largely because Milne, after an apprehensive start, proved in the end to be the most stable player in court. He lasted the pace better than anyone.

At the start Milne, up against th[e] strong hitters and not timing [the] ball too well, looked out of [his] depth. He shook off his nerve[s in] the third game and became [the] quiet efficient man in a cock[pit] containing three rumbusti[ous] hitters, of whom Boone was [the] most violent and, at times, [the] crudest.

Norman and Pugh lost their [main] chance when, having recov[ered] from 4—11 to lead 13—11 in [the] second game, they failed to s[core] another point in four service ha[nds.] Twice slower services from M[ilne] defeated them and Boone bla[sted] his way through the last [...] points.

The losers, helped by wild sh[ots,] came back from 9—14 in the [fifth] game but here again Mil[ne's] gentle touch and slower hi[tting] thwarted them. It was clear [that] the contrast between Boone, w[ield]ing a claymore and Milne usi[ng a] foil were a confusing mixtur[e to] play against in a match of su[ch] hurly-burly nature.

Tennis

Metreveli fights his way back from the brink

Adelaide, Dec 6.—Alex Metreveli, of the Soviet Union, had to fight his way into the semi-final round of the South Australian tennis championships here today. Metreveli, who has been troubled by a shoulder injury, beat the young Australian, Cliff Letcher, 6—7, 7—5, 9—7.

In a match lasting more than two hours, Metreveli, the No 2 seed, was only a point away from defeat in the second set. In other quarter-final round matches today, the Swede, Bjorn Borg, took just 30 minutes to trounce Uli Marten of West Germany 6—1, 6—1, and vindicated his position as favourite. Borg, looking sharp and strong, said he was well satisfied with his form on grass for the Grand Prix Masters tournament in Melbourne next week.

The New Zealander, Onny Parun, who meets Metreveli tomorrow, beat another West German, Uli Pinner, 6—2, 6—4, and Australian Colin Dibley beat fellow countryman, Bob Giltinan, 7—6, 4—6, 9—7 for his eighth win in their eight meetings. Parun was astray early on with his timing but soon settled down. He will also play in the Masters after his best season on the international circuit.

MEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-final round: C. Dibley beat R. Giltinan, 7—6, 4—6, 9—7; O. Parun (NZ) beat U. Pinner (WG), 6—2, 6—4; A. Metreveli (USSR) beat C. Letcher, 6—7, 7—5, 9—7; B. Borg (Sweden) beat U. Marten (WG), 6—1, 6—1.

Skiing

Klammer has fastest practice time

Val d'Isère, Dec 6.—Franz Klammer, of Austria, raced to the fastest time in practice for the men's downhill at the Critérium de la Premier Neige World Cup meeting here today. The race is scheduled for Sunday, but it may be held tomorrow as officials fear the weather may change by Sunday.

Klammer, who was 20 only three days ago, hurtled down the steep twisting Oreiller-Killy run in often spectacular style to clock 2min 05.41sec for the 3,300 metres, with its 915-metre drop.

The Austrian offends skiing purists by his style. His skis are rarely together and he often appears on the verge of careering off the track. But, once again today he proved how effective his skiing can be in difficult snow conditions, which changed as the skiers swooped from areas of blazing sunshine to heavily-shaded patches, where the surface was much more icy.—Reuter.

CERVINIA, Italy: European series, opening event: Women's downhill: 1, T. Bracelli (Italy), 1min 19.17sec; 2, E. Eisenbaumer (Italy), 1:19.38; 3, M. Schiechtel (Austria), 1:19.82; 4, A. Putzlechnig (Austria), 1:19.90; 5, I. Plank (Italy), 1:20.00; equal 6, R. Ollikka (Finland) 1:20.20 and A. Totshaig (Austria) 1:20.20; 8, A. Rudigier (Austria) 1:20.55; 9, G. Strizner (Austria) 1:20.73; 10, E. Fasoli (Italy) 1:20.85.

Golf

Oosterhuis well behind the leaders

Miyazaki, Japan, Dec 6.—P[eter] Oosterhuis of Britain improve[d in] his second round in the £71[...] Dunlop Phoenix golf tournam[ent] today with a 72. This was a[fter] his disastrous first round of [...] but he was still 13 strokes be[hind] the leaders.

Four players, including American John Miller, were [level] for the lead. Miller returne[d a] 69, three-under-par, as did [Tai]wan's Kuo Chie-Hsiung and [...] joined Gibby Gilbert of the U[nited] States and Tadashi Kitta of Ja[pan,] the first round leaders, to lead [the] field.

Gilbert and Kitta each had [...] today over the 7,012-yard M[iya]zaki Phoenix Country Club cou[rse] in this southern Japanese (...) The Americans, Miller Barber [and] Leonard Thompson, were [one] stroke behind the leaders an[d a] group of three another stroke [behind] included Takaaki Kono [and] Takashi Murakami of Japan [and] Lu Liang-Huan of Taiwan. [...] had a 68 today, a score bette[red] by one golfer, Tom Kite, of [the] United States. He had 67.

Leading scores: 138: G. Gilbert (US), 68, 70; Miller (US), 69, 69; Tadashi [Kitta] (Japan), 68, 70; Kuo Chie-Hs[iung] (Taiwan), 69, 69. 139: M. Ba[rber] (US), 69, 70; L. Thompson (US), [69,] 70. 140: Lu Liang-Huan (Taiwan) [...] 68; Takaaki Kono (Japan), 71, [...]; Takashi Murakami (Japan), 69, [...] 141: G. Jones (US), 69, 72; T. [Kite] (US), 74, 67; Shinsaku M[...] (Japan), 70, 71. 151: P. Oosterhuis (GB), 79, 72.—Reuter.

Two players set course record

Melbourne, Dec 6.—The Am[eri]can professional golfers, J[...] Meister and Deborah Austin, [...] scored a 69—a course record [to] lead after the first round of [the] Colgate Far East women's [golf] tournament here today.

The three-under-par rounds [of] the two young Americans sl[ashed] two strokes off the course re[cord] held jointly by Japan's Ch[...] Matsui and an Australian, Pe[...] Pulz. Another American, Par[...] Barnett, is one stroke off the l[ead.]

LEADING SCORES: 69, J. Me[ister] (US), D. Austin (US); 70, P. Ba[rnett] (US); 71, M. Smith (NZ), E. N[...]mura (Japan), M. Porter (US), [...] Roberts (US), C. Mann (US); 73 [...] Sasaki (Japan), D. Ferguson (US), [...] McAllister (US), M. Masters (Au[stra]lia), J. Kaminski (US), S. Ha[...] (US), M. Hagge (US), G. Flynn (U[S),] B. Cullen (US), S. Spuzich (US), [...] Breer (US); 73, S. Yamazaki (Jap[an),] C. Matsui (Japan), M. Wilkins (U[S),] K. Cornelius (US), M. Mills (US), [...] Young (US).—Reuter.

CHRISTCHURCH: Garden City tou[rna]ment: Leaders (Australian un[less] stated): 137, R. Shearer 68, 69, [...] A. Cooper 66, 74; 141, K. D. G. N[...] 73, 68, B. Jones 70, 71, B. G[...] (US) 70, 71, H. Kennedy (US) 69, [...] 142, S. Ginn 73, 69, S. Slater 71, [...] N. Wood (GB) 71, 71, A. McNi[...] (US) 69, 73, S. Guss (US) 70, [...] 143, P. Murray 73, 71, J. Lister (...) 69, 74, T. Linsker 69, 74, H. Un[der]wood (US) 71, 72, S. Galbraith [...] 73, 71.

JOHANNESBURG: PGA tournam[ent] (two rounds): 134, G. Henning, 6[...] J. Fourie, 67, 67. 136, A. Henning, 69, 137, T. Britz, 67, 70; 138, [...] Ballesteros (Spain), 71, 67, F. C[...] sena, 68, 70; 140, A. Oosthuizen, 68; 143, S. Torrance (GB), 73, [...] M. Ballesteros (Spain), 72, 70, [...] Henning, 72, 70, W. Humphreys (G[B),] 69, 73; 145, B. Augustyne (US), [...] 69; 145, C. du Toit, 73, 71, [...] Burr (US), 70, 74, J. Hawkes, 69, 76.

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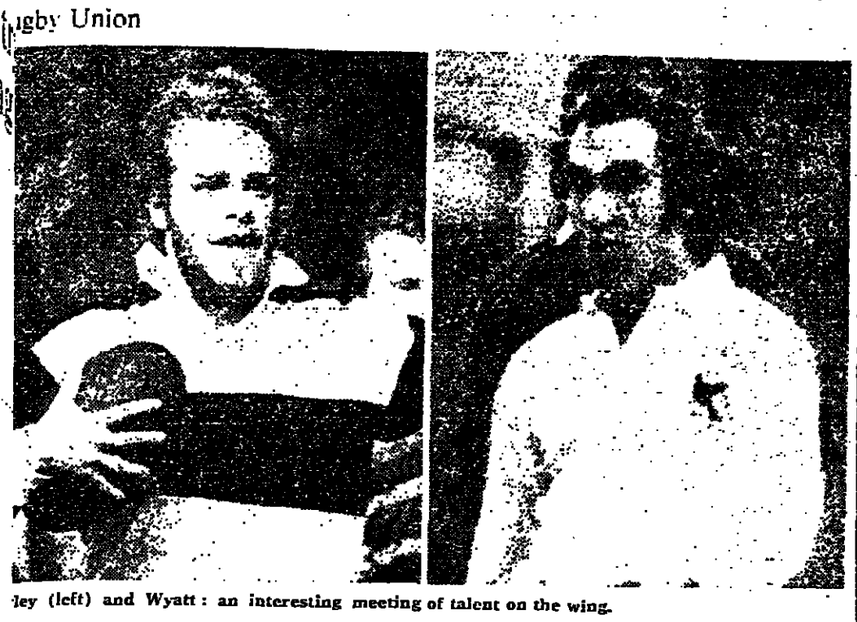

ley (left) and Wyatt: an interesting meeting of talent on the wing.

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Peter West
by Correspondent

e withdrawal of the England British Lions Jock, Chris ton, with a knee injury that kept him on the side lines for e weeks, means there are pro- y not more than four players aring in the first of England's trials at Roehampton this noon who can feel confident t reservations for the final trial fortnight. Even John Pullin, England captain, has a case ove as he leads the South and h West against the Metropoli- and South East. He has not d any county rugby for cestershire but he is a ened, durable warrior who may lming his return well. Now nd by no means, by front row lards, in his dotage), he is the man to yield up his and place lightly.

e of the most intriguing areas is trial is the confrontation e front row, where the English national trio of Stevens, n and Burton will be opposed Smart, the Newport school- er who declined an invitation oin the Welsh party, Keith- h, and Adam, of Wasps. on's place in the South East has gone to the promising ell, but they are likely to miss kills in the middle of the line- an area where Fidler, of cester, now has an outstand- hance to press his claims. We also look for a determined t from Rollitt, who has not capped since 1969 but has in rousing fettle this season 8.

one marks down Old, the a tenant from the north, as n to occupy one of the stand- alf positions in the final trial, oday's tussle between Bennett Horton, with Wordsworth, ian and Cooper in the wings, en extra spice. Wordsworth have been first choice for the Metropolitan side but withdrew from consideration because of Tuesday's University match. Looking at these names, it is a comfort to feel that England have greater depth in this position than was the case not so long ago.

It is possible that the Midlands will supply both full backs for the final trial in Hare and Rossborough, though Jorden and Butler, in action today, are under no obligation to regard the situation in the same light. If Richards, of the Wasps, had not broken his jaw when playing for England Under 23 in September, I would be dogmatic enough to say that only one fullback place on December 21 would have been available to the Midlands or any other area. Richards begins his comeback today in Wasps' third XV.

Morley against Wyatt on the wing is another interesting meeting of talent today, and there is no reason why Wyatt should not believe that he has almost as good a chance as his opponent of making the final trial. Wood, of Cambridge University, still cannot be disregarded, and I suspect he might well have got into next week's North XV if he had been playing county rugby in those parts.

Peter Whiting, the All Blacks lock forward, makes his first appearance for the Harlequins today, against Blackheath at the Rectory Field. The Quins, still searching for their first victory of the season against a London club, for some time have been in need of harder and larger forwards. The advent of Whiting is timely, and they will certainly not lack for weight or height in the engine room. Whiting's partner at lock is Purdy, a 21-year-old from Borough Road College, well established as an excellent nursery of rugby talent. Purdy stands 6ft 8in and weighs 19st.

There are three first round knockout games this weekend: Coventry (the holders) v Bradford, and Moseley v Wilmslow today, and Solihull v Liverpool tomorrow. Coventry, who have won their last 12 matches, have left out the England prop, Fran Cotton, who will not be available for them next week because of the second area trial and who anyway has not played for the club for the past six weeks.

Solihull, winners of the Warwickshire Cup for the fifth successive time, have lost only once in 16 games. This is their first year in the knockout competition.

METROPOLITAN AND SOUTH EAST: A. M. Jorden (Bedford); D. J. McKay (Rosslyn Park), P. J. Grant (Harlequins), J. P. A. G. Janion (Richmond), D. K. Wyatt (Bedford); W. N. Bennett (Bedford), L. P. Weston (Rosslyn Park); C. Smart (Newport), P. D'A. Keith-Roach (Rosslyn Park), E. Adam (Wasps), N. O. Martin (Harlequins), N. D. Mantell (Rosslyn Park), A. L. Bucknall (Richmond), A. G. Ripley (Rosslyn Park), R. Mordell (Wasps). Reserves: R. A. Codd (Rosslyn Park), I. R. Shackleton (Richmond), J. J. Page (Northampton), T. E. Gatehouse (US Portsmouth), C. J. Bailward (Bedford), E. Bignell (Rosslyn Park).

SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST: P. Butler (Gloucester); P. S. Maxwell (Richmond), M. C. Beese (Bath), J. Bayliss (Gloucester), A. J. Morley (Bristol); J. P. Horton (Bath), N. Vosper (Plymouth Albion); C. B. Stevens (Penzance-Newlyn), J. V. Pullin (Bristol), M. A. Burton (Gloucester), J. P. Scott (St Luke's College), J. Fidler (Gloucester), J. A. Watkins (Gloucester), D. M. Rollitt (Bristol), P. Henty (St Ives). Reserves: D. Tyler (Bristol), J. Morgan (Salisbury), P. Kingston (Gloucester), B. Nelmes (Cardiff), J. White (Bristol), D. Phillips (Bristol), R. Corin (St Ives).

Referee: T. Hughes (Lancashire).

Welsh compensated for three changes

David Parry-Jones

ubts hover over the future of series of B international ies between Wales and e, the latest of which takes at Cardiff Arms Park this noon. At the June annual al meeting of the Welsh y Union their treasurer, Ken Harris, said that the spiralling of sending a side abroad for a r two meant that the validity e B fixtures would have to be ined thoroughly. I under- that a date for the 1975 game een provisionally agreed, but te will depend on the verdict full WRU committee meeting held in January.

fact is that the B games, gh often affording spectacu- ntertainment, have failed to re the public's imagination, tive of which is the WRU's ion to open only the north for today's match. It is ht though, that the Welsh ors would regret the complete e of the fixtures, which gives uncapped men experience in a big representative context.

Three of the Welsh side—Faulkner, Bevan as a replacement, and the captain Evans—were in action against New Zealand last week, but since no caps were awarded they still qualify for the B level. Their presence compensates for the three changes the selectors have been forced to make from the chosen 15. Wales will miss the ebullience of Brynmo Williams, an influenza victim for whom Newport's Evans stands in at scrum half, but the replacement of Lane by Llanelli's Jenkins and Clegg by Floyd at lock scarcely impairs the side's potential. The choice of the last named incidentally, means that three of the powerful Pontypool pack will be afield.

Undoubtedly though the focus of attention will be the midfield, where Gravelle and Fenwick make a youthful centre pairing. Some zip, urgency and penetration from them would lift Welsh hopes for the 1975 campaign.

The French flew into Cardiff yesterday without trailing any clouds of optimism behind them, for although their side contains 13 players who met the Springboks in sundry provincial games it is an untried combination. But at the very least they will wish to avoid repeating their performance of 1972 when they fell completely apart before a ferocious onslaught from a Welsh side inspiringly led by Tom David.

WALES B: W. Davies (Neath); E. Rees (Neath), S. Fenwick (Bridgend), R. Gravelle (Llanelli), D. Jenkins (Swansea); J. Bevan (Aberavon), A. Evans (Newport), C. Faulkner (Pontypool), R. Thomas (Llanelli), G. Price (Pontypool), L. Jones (Newport), R. Floyd (Pontypool), O. Alexander (Aberavon), H. Jenkins (Llanelli), T. Evans (Swansea, captain).

FRANCE B: M. Taffary; D. Harize, M. Billac, C. Sangali, J.-L. Averous; J.-L. Reves, G. Martinez (captain); G. Verdoulet, D. Hache, J.-P. Rives, A. Guilbert, M. Imbernon, G. Verdier, M. Arganene, R. Paparemborde.

Referee: E. Grierson (Scottish Rugby Union).

Football

Leeds could be caught in gale of confidence

By Norman Fox

Before sending his excellent team out to equal the much complimented football of their first division neighbours from Ipswich in a League Cup tie this week, the Norwich City manager, John Bond, one of the graduates of the Ron Greenwood school of management, suggested that relegation was not something too frightening. Indeed, he felt it could be a rewarding experience, and the performance of his players on Wednesday convinced me that he had a point.

The present position of Norwich and of Manchester United also support his view, though I doubt that those responsible for the futures of Luton Town or Carlisle United are prepared to rest easy on one man's philosophy. It is all a matter of potential at the moment of relegation—a factor that is entwined with such things as the age of the playing staff, financial security and attendance potential. The chance to recuperate in the second division is not offered to defeatists or pessimists. And this leads me to the feeling that in spite of the fine array of colourful matches, today's first division programme has one of the most significant meetings of the season at Stamford Bridge: Chelsea against Luton Town.

Not even a boxing promoter could "sell" this bill because its face value is the threat of a game little more exciting than Mr Bugner's midweek appearance and about 18 times as long. But neither club, however badly they have played at times, has been thoroughly outclassed, partly because of the mediocrity of the mid-division standard. However, both have decided that the situation demands changes. Chelsea drop Bonetti, Hinton and Garner, and Luton make three changes including giving a place to Paul Futcher.

Chelsea do their reshuffling at a time when they are already without Britton and Hollins, both injured, and Dempsey who is suspended. Phillips replaces Bonetti in goal, Wilkins is in defence and Garland and Sissons come back to the attack. Ron Suart, Chelsea's manager, remains sure that he will have a Happy New Year because it requires only two or three wins for a club in Chelsea's position to reach the middle reaches of the league.

Newcastle United's manager, Joe Harvey, has been much quicker to accept the need for wholesale changes. For today's match at Tottenham he makes no less than eight movements in his regroup- after an embarrassing goalless draw with Chester in the League Cup. As with so many of the higher placed teams, Newcastle find away matches troublesome. They have a 21-year-old goalkeeper, Bell, making his first appearance as McFaul is injured and Bruce and Burns are recalled to midfield. Tudor returns but it will be a strange looking team that does not include Hibbitt, Smith, Craig and Barrowclough.

There is one game with a result that is completely unpredictable —or "blowin' in the wind" as our Football Correspondent, Geoffrey Green, would say were he not temporarily subdued by a knee operation. Dylan himself might not be too offended to find his pacifist thoughts related to a football match if he knew about West Ham's happy outlook. Today their attitude is harder and Leeds United could be caught in a gale of self confidence. Mr Greenwood explained: "The players go out knowing that unless something unforseen happens they cannot be beaten. We have taken the word fear out of their vocabulary because I was brought up not to fear losing my job." The only "star" likely to miss this East London event is McKenzie, of Leeds, who has been playing quite superbly. West Ham have a slight doubt about Jennings who has an ankle injury.

Once again the summit of the league is likely to move by several degrees. Stoke City, the current leaders, have to play at Birmingham in a game more difficult than it seems on paper especially if Hudson does not respond to treatment on a strained leg. Everton think it ought to be their turn to reach the top and could do so if they beat Leicester and all of the other results fit into place. With Liverpool and Derby County likely to share the points at Anfield, Ipswich Town or Manchester City are the favourites to be balancing together on that moving highwire tonight.

FA cup draws to be held late on Saturday

The FA Cup draws for the remainder of the season are to be made on Saturday night instead of Mondays, the FA announced yesterday. At the request of the Pool Promoters' Association, the FA is to continue the procedure introduced earlier this year during the power crisis.

The FA statement said: "It has been decided to continue the practice started last season to make the draw for the next round of the FA Cup on the Saturday of the preceding round. "This will apply to the draw for the third round. It will be made late in the evening and will be shown live on BBC television's *Match of the Day* programme.

"This procedure was started last season during the emergency, but a request has been made by the Pools Promoters', who pay a substantial sum to the FA for use of these fixtures, to continue this and allow more time for printing and posting of coupons. Clubs will also benefit from the earlier draw, having an extra day and half to make arrangements for their matches."

Traditionally the draw has been made at a meeting of the Cup committee on the Monday following the previous round. But earlier this year it was brought forward to Saturday evening, in an early evening programme. This time it is likely to be broadcast between 10 pm and 11 pm. The first draw under the new arrangement will be on Saturday, December 14.

Marsh to appeal against caution

Rodney Marsh, the captain of Manchester City, is appealing against a caution at a meeting of the FA disciplinary committee in London on Monday. At the same meeting Roy Brown, the Notts County goalkeeper, will also contest a booking. Neither player is on 12 points.

Alex Russell, of Southport, will appeal against a booking at a disciplinary meeting in Manchester on Thursday. If the caution is upheld, Russell will face a two-match suspension for accumulating 12 points.

Tom Forsyth, of Rangers, the former Scottish international sweeper, was suspended for 21 days starting from Monday by the Scottish FA Referees Committee yesterday. Forsyth appeared before the committee on a four-caution charge. He appealed against two of the cautions, but was unsuccessful.

Revie wants seniors

Don Revie wants to include two "seniors" in his England under-23 side for the match against Scotland at Aberdeen on December 18. The UEFA championship rules allow for two over-age players, but friendly games are traditionally restricted to under-23s. "The Scottish FA will consider the matter at a council meeting early next week", said an FA spokesman yesterday.

Stockport's big loss

Stockport County whose gates dropped by £18,000 last season had a record loss of £46,259 and altogether are in the red to the extent of £118,909. At the moment the club is £500 a week short of breaking even and the directors are considering the idea of increasing the present share capital from £5,000 to £40,000.

Hockey

Kent must win to play in final

By Sydney Friskin

A glance at the original plans will show how far the county hockey championship, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, has been pushed back by bad weather. The final of the southern group should have been played tomorrow instead of which we have still to see the twice postponed crucial match between Sussex and Kent.

Two attempts to play this game at Lewes having failed, it has now been moved to Worthing where, with a little bit of luck, we shall see the bully-off tomorrow (1.45). The complications of the system require Kent to win in order to meet Hampshire in the final. A draw against Sussex will involve Kent in a play-off with Buckinghamshire.

Sussex, who are not a bad side, have but a slender chance of surviving. They must beat Kent by more than six goals, in which case it will be they who will play off with Buckinghamshire. One way or another tomorrow's match should be as interesting as the circumstances surrounding it.

Kent must be pleased that Svehlik, their great international full back is not at present committed to the England party for training and in their ranks they have such fine players as Fawls, Westwood, McIntosh and Staynor. Sussex, too, can draw from wells of experience, appearing in the form of Parsons, Mitchell (goalkeeper), Snelus, Barnes and Thrift.

Looking further ahead in the championship, December 22 is an important date. The East final between Lincolnshire and Hertfordshire will be played at Bourne and on the same day Wiltshire and Devon will meet in the deciding match of the western group. The Midlands have still to find a date for their final between Staffordshire and Worcestershire which leaves only the northern group running to time. The deciding match between Lancashire and Cheshire will take place, as scheduled, on Boxing Day.

Reading and Slough whose match in the southern group of the national club championship was postponed on November 17, hope to play tomorrow. The winners will meet Bromley in the semi-final round on December 22. On that day Southgate will meet Spencer in the other semi-final match.

The East trial for the divisional tournament at Derby, on December 14 and 15, will be held tomorrow at Broxbourne (2.30). The teams for this event are:

COLOURS: C. E. Preston; D. V. Collison, T. J. Machin, S. J. Brace, A. H. Ekins (captain), P. Goodyear, S. Wharton, H. Morgan, G. B. W. Nurse, J. French, N. J. Wheeler.

WHITES: J. Hurst; G. G. Menzies, R. C. Bogdan, P. Pearson, A. Jenkin (captain), C. J. Perry, P. Hazell, P. White, M. E. Grainger, M. J. Tideswell, S. F. Guyton.

In the London League, Southgate are now on the heels of Guildford, the leaders. Today Southgate play Oxford University who drew 1—1 with London University on Wednesday. This was a good result for London.

Rugby League

Hull KR reshape side for return game

Hull Kingston Rovers, beaten at Salford on Tuesday, reshape their side for today's return encounter, this time in the quarter-final of the Player's No 6 Trophy.

Millward, who missed the game at Salford with an ankle injury, returns. Sullivan takes over from Kirkpatrick on the left wing, Coupland is at centre in place of Watson, and Lyons, back from playing with Southern Suburbs, Brisbane, is in a reshuffled pack, which is without loose forward Brown, who has ankle ligament trouble.

The team is:

Smithies; Dunn, Hall, Coupland, Sullivan; Hartley, Millward; Millington, Heslop, Lyons, Rose, Fox, Wallis. Substitute (from) Watson, Kirkpatrick, Dawson.

Rowing

Oxford president has large choice of hopefuls

By Jim Railton

Oxford University appear on the Tideway today (11 am) for their trials, which will be rowed from Mortlake to Putney. With only two of their 1974 record-breaking crew still up at Oxford—the president, Tee, and secretary, Innes—interest will centre on their crop of freshmen and hopefuls from the 1974 Isis crew. Certainly Oxford's breakthrough this year must have been a contributory factor in almost 60 oarsmen offering themselves for consideration at the beginning of the Michaelmas term.

The Oxford president, who gained a lightweight international vest in the world championships this year, strokes the A crew today. Tee, a postgraduate who also rowed in the 1969 and 1970 Boat Races, is backed by a substantial stern four including the freshmen, Money-Coutts (Eton and Keble) and Innes (Pangbourne College and Oriel). Money-Coutts gained a silver medal in coxless pairs in the 1973 world junior championships (his partner Clay gained his Blue for Cambridge this year) and rowed in the Eton eight in the 1972 world junior final.

Tee's crew today contains two of the 1974 Isis crew—the Canadian, Hutchins (Manitoba University and Oriel), and Rankov (Bradford GS and Corpus Christi) and on paper look favourites for today's trial.

The Oxford trial eight B crew contain a potentially strong engine room combination in Beak (Radley and Oriel) and Mason (Eton and Keble), who row in the five and six seats. Both are youth internationals. Beak rowed in the Radley coxed pair, who won the petite finale (seventh overall) in the 1973 world junior championships and Mason occupied the same place in the Eton eight that year. The Oxford trial eight B crew also contains four of the 1974 Isis crew—Baird (Radley and Christ Church), Harris (St Edward's and Oriel), Moore (Eton and Balliol) and Calvert (cox).

London University's trials take place next Friday with Cambridge University triallists on show at Ely next Saturday morning.

Cricket

Colin Cowdrey has a net practice at Sevenoaks indoor school before leaving today to join the England party in Australia.

Lloyd returns in team against W Australia

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

Perth, Dec 6

The first thing to be said from here is that the pitch at the "Wacher", as the ground of the West Australian Cricket Association is colloquially called, is clearly the product not of an alderman but a craftsman. It is a beautiful looking thing, as flat and shiny as a marble floor.

After batting in the nets this afternoon and satisfying himself that his broken finger had mended, David Lloyd felt, I think, that he had had a new experience. So this, he now knew, was what an Australian wicket could be like. Only bad weather in the two days immediately preceding the Test match will prevent the pitch for that also from being fast and true.

Lloyd is in the team for tomorrow's match against Western Australia, his first outing since November 17. It so happens that out of those who are fit for tomorrow, it has been possible to choose a reasonably well balanced side. Luckhurst will be going in first with Lloyd, Denness is at number three, Knott plays as a batsman and Titmus has only his second first-class match of the tour. "You might put it in your paper that I'm still alive and well in case JT is worrying", Titmus said, with usual good humour on the flight from Brisbane yesterday. The reference is to John Murray, who has been playing for Middlesex for almost as long at Titmus. The implication is that his friends might be wondering what has come of him, it is so long since he played.

If he bowls well against Western Australia, Titmus will come into the reckoning for the side for the second Test, though there can be no dropping Underwood in his present form with bat as well as ball. Titmus's Test chance is more likely to come later on at Sydney, where the ball will probably turn, or at Melbourne, where the pitch could be slow enought not to warrant the inclusion of three fast bowlers.

Western Australia have left out Marsh and Lillee to allow them a rest after Brisbane. Their side includes four test players, Inverarity, who captains them, Ross and Wally Edwards, who played in Brisbane, and Watson, who played on and off for Australia between 1966 and 1972. Massie, who destroyed England at Lords in 1972 and played in Western Australia's last match, is now unable to get a place. Massie's decline since his memorable match at Lord's (16 wickets for 137 runs) is really rather sad. Hailed then as one of the great swing bowlers, he has taken few first-class wickets since, either here or in the West Indies when he toured there last year. Almost unplayable at Lord's for long spells, the magic has deserted him. McKenzie is also available for Western Australia but unrequired.

Just which members of the MCC party will be fit for next Friday's Test match can hardly be known until Thursday at the earliest. Of Bernard Thomas's present outpatients, Amiss (broken thumb) is the least likely to have recovered. The SOS for Cowdrey has taken most Australians by surprise. They would have had someone younger, so they say. He comes out, though, on a wave of good will and with at least as good a chance of success as anyone else who might have been sent for. He will arrive here on Sunday in time for a net on Monday and Tuesday. Whether, if he is to play in the Test match, he should fly the 300 miles to Geraldton for a one-day match on Wednesday or be kept at work in the nets here in Perth is a decision for next week. My own view is that a couple of hours in the middle is worth half a week at the nets. The rumour that Cowdrey has been told to pad up in the aircraft is unconfirmed.

MELBOURNE: Sheffield Shield: Queensland 182 for 6 (D. Allen 61, J. Maclean 42, J. Higgs 4 for 56).

Clive Lloyd destroys the Indian bowling again

Jullundur, India, Dec 6.—Clive Lloyd, the West Indian captain devastated the Indian North Zone bowling today, scoring 126 in 105 minutes as the touring team reached 410 for five on the first day of the three-day match here.

Vivian Richards weighed in with an unbeaten 103 to improve his chances of being retained for the second Test starting in Delhi next Wednesday.

Lloyd, who has just recovered from influenza, reached his hundred in only 87 minutes and ended with 11 fours and five sixes in a display of ferocious hitting. It was his second century in successive innings following his 163 in the first Test at Bangalore.

Only Bedi, the slow left-arm bowler recalled for the Test next week, emerged with a respectable analysis, taking three wickets. But he bowled only four overs after tea when Lloyd was on the rampage.

The fifth wicket stand of 196 between Richards and Lloyd took only 105 minutes and in the 90 minutes after tea, the West Indians scored 185 runs.

Lloyd's innings completely overshadowed that of Richards, Gordon Greenidge who made 71, and David Murray (80). Quick and slow bowling came equally easily to the left-hander.

When Lal and Amarnath, who have hopes of making the Test team, took the new ball after tea, Lloyd battered them both. He on drove the leg-break bowler Gokul Inder Dev for six and took another off the left-arm spinner Rajinder Goel.

After passing 100, Lloyd cleared the ropes with a hit off Bedi and hit Goel for sixes off two successive balls.

His hitting was in contrast to the start of the match under cloudy skies, after Lloyd had won the toss and chosen to bat. Baichan damaged his test prospects by falling leg before to Lal after scoring only four and Greenidge and Murray were restricted to 84 by lunch.

The run rate quickened appreciably after lunch. Murray drove Bedi to the extra-cover boundary for his 50 in 111 minutes and Greenidge reached the same total by turning Dev to mid-wicket for four.

Bedi's return slowed the scoring and in two overs he dismissed both Greenidge and Murray who had put on 151 at a run a minute. The North Zone captain caught and bowled Julien for 19 before Lloyd and Richards began their assault. Richards's innings in 145 minutes included 11 fours and two sixes.

WEST INDIANS: 418 for 5 (C. H. Lloyd 126, I. V. A. Richards 103 not out, C. G. Greenidge 71; B. S. Bedi 3 for 81).

Table tennis

America may surprise the favourite

The biggest cash prizes ever on offer for table tennis in Britain will be strongly contested in the Pickwick international tournament at Crystal Palace today. The winner of the men's event, with eight players in the field, will collect £500 and there is a total of £1,600 at stake.

There are three Englishmen in the field, 20-year-old No 1 Nicky Jarvis, from Redcar, and the experienced Denis Neale and Chester Barnes. The favourite is Milan Orlowski, of Czechoslovakia, the European champion, but Dan Seemiller, of the United States, who has climbed to the top rank after only two years, could spring a few surprises.

Motor racing

Brands Hatch gets a new sponsor

Boxing Day motor racing returns to Brands Hatch this year, with a meeting sponsored by the Film and entertainment industry firm of Warner Brothers.

A six-race programme has been organized by the British Racing and Sports Car Club for Warner Bros' first venture in motor racing sponsorship.

Townsend Thorenson, the European car ferry company, are again to support Formula Ford racing in Britain, with an 11-round championship in 1975. The 1975 Townsend Thorensen Formula Ford 1600 Challenge breaks with tradition and includes one round at Mallory Park, in addition to the normal series of races at Brands Hatch.

French tour is in doubt

Cape Town, Dec 6.—Doctor Danie Craven today blamed cancellation of a South African schoolboys' rugby tour to France on the fact that the Government had refused permission for a match between next year's touring French national side and a multi-racial team here.

Dr Craven, President of the South African Rugby Board, said: "This is a sad day for South African rugby, and I would say that there is now only a very slight chance of the French sending a team to tour this country next year."

The board announced last night that the schools' tour to France this month had been called off because a match planned for next year between the French touring rugby team and a racially mixed team was "no longer possible".

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INTY CHAMPIONSHIP: South: v Kent (at Worthing).
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PRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Bedfire v Warwickshire (at Bedford); rial (at Broxbourne); Midlands Lancashire (at Lilleshall); RAF v ford (at Vine Lane); Mid-Surrey y; Royal Engineers v Blackheath. REY CUP: Surbiton v Dulwich; olian Police v Southern.
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T LEAGUE: Blueharts v Bedford; YMCA v Ipswich YMCA; Cambshire Nomads v Bedfordshire Colchester v Broxbourne; Norunion v Cambridge City; Welwyn City v West Herts.
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MEN'S COUNTY CHAMPION- Lincolnshire v Cambridgeshire (at g); Norfolk v Huntingdonshire orwich); Manchester League v m (at Manchester); Civil Service ies (at Chiswick); Oxfordshire v ckinghamshire (at Oxford); London ssex v Middlesex (at Motspur
MEN'S OTHER MATCHES: Cornv Wiltshire (at Exeter); Devon v set (at Ottery St Mary); Gloucestershire v Glamorgan (at Cheltenham); Midland Junior Counties Tournament (at Nottingham).

Third division

Aldershot v Chesterfield
Brighton v Southend
Charlton v Blackburn
Grimsby v Halifax
Hereford v Swindon
Huddersfield v Gillingham
Plymouth v Bournemouth
Port Vale v Bury
Walsall v Peterborough
Watford v Crystal Palace
Wrexham v Preston

Fourth division

Barnsley v Torquay (3.15)
Bradford C v Workington
Brentford v Darlington
Crewe v Rochdale
Doncaster v Hartlepool
Exeter v Northampton
Mansfield v Shrewsbury
Newport v Scunthorpe (3.15)
Rotherham v Chester

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Erith and Belvedere v Ware; Grays Athletic v Cheshunt; Hounslow v Ruislip Manor; Lewes v Letchworth; Leyton v Alton; Redhill v Rainham; Wembley v Eastbourne United.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: First round (3.15): Old Salopians v Old Harrovians (at Shrewsbury); Old Wykehamists v Old Malvernians (at Winchester).

Road Walking

National senior women's and girls' championships (at Quinton, Birmingham).

Road Running

Whitbread five miles open race (at Portsmouth, 3.0).

Scottish first division

Aberdeen v Rangers
Airdrie v Hibernian
Arbroath v St Johnstone
Ayr v Dundee
Celtic v Dunfermline
Dumbarton v Kilmarnock
Dundee U v Clyde
Hearts v Morton
Partick v Motherwell

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnet v Dover; Bath v Wealdstone; Cambridge City v Atherstone; Guildford Dorking v Grantham; Maidstone v Kettering; Margate v Dartford; Nuneaton v Stourbridge; Romford v Tonbridge; Weymouth v Telford United. First division: North: Banbury v Tamworth; Barry v King's Lynn; Bedford v Bromsgrove; Bedworth v Kidderminster; Bury Town v Worcester; Cheltenham v Corby; Merthyr Tidfil v Dunstable; Milton Keynes v Stevenage; Redditch v Witney Town; Wellingborough v Enderby. South: Andover v Salisbury; Bexley United v Ramsgate; Bideford v Basingstoke; Bognor Regis v Minehead; Canterbury v Hastings; Gravesend v Dorchester; Hillingdon v Ashford; Trowbridge v Crawley; Waterlooville v Metropolitan Police.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Altrincham v Mossley; Bangor City v Lancaster; Boston United v Stafford Rangers; Buxton v Gateshead United; Great Harwood v Gainsborough; Matlock v South Liverpool; Morecambe v Macclesfield; Netherfield v Scarborough; Northwich Victoria v Fleetwood; Wigan Athletic v Goole; Worksop v Barrow.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE (3.30): Old Ardinians v Old Foresters; Old Bradfieldians v Old Wellingburians.

Squash Rackets

RAF championships (at Uxbridge).
British Colleges championships (at Nottingham University).
Kent open championship (at National Westminster Club, Sydenham).
Great Britain v Pakistan (at Stockton-on-Tees).
Ireland v England (in Dublin).

Television highlights

BBC 1

FOOTBALL: Review (12.20).

RACING: Cheltenham races at 12.45, 1.15, 1.45, 2.30.

BOXING: Knight v Gerowski (12.55); McCann v Stoimenov (1.25).

TABLE TENNIS: Pickwick tournament (1.55, 2.35, 3.50).

RUGBY LEAGUE: Hull Kingston Rovers v Salford (3.0).

FOOTBALL: Match of the Day (10.10).

BBC 2

RUGBY UNION: Edinburgh v Glasgow (7.25).

IBA

FOOTBALL: Preview (12.35).

RACING: Lingfield Park races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Catterick Bridge races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45.

SKATING: British championships (3.10).

WRESTLING: Southend promotion (4.0).

IBA—tomorrow

FOOTBALL: Big Match (2.0).

Scottish second division

Alloa v Raith (2.0)
Brechin v Queen's Park (2.0)
Cowdenbeath v Stirling Albion
East Fife v Stenhousemuir
Falkirk v Forfar
Hamilton v Clydebank
Meadowbank v Albion
Queen of South v Berwick
St Mirren v Montrose
Stranraer v E Stirling (2.0)

FA CHALLENGE VASE: Third round (2.15): Baldock Town v Wootton Blue Cross; Banstead Athletic v Molesey; Basildon United v Hoddesdon Town; Bracknell Town v Marlow; Chertsey Town v BAC Weybridge; Chipping Norton v Forest Green; Coggeshall Town v Clacton; Dartford Amateurs v Crockenhill; Eastbourne Town v Burgess Hill; Farnborough Town v Moneyfields Sports (2.0); Hornchurch v Berkhamsted (3.0); Kingsbury Town v Borough Road College; Tring Town v Addlestone; Tunbridge Wells v East Grinstead; Wantage Town v Clanfield; Wingate v Vauxhall Motors; Worthing v Epsom and Ewell.

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round replay: Bishop's Stortford v Aveley.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Barking v Woking; Kingstonian v Dagenham; Oxford City v Hayes; Slough v Bromley; Tooting and Mitcham v Walton and Hersham; Wycombe Wanderers v Walthamstow Avenue. Second division: Boreham Wood v Horsham; Harlow Town v Carshalton Athletic; Harwich and Parkeston v St Albans City; Hertford v Maidenhead United; Southall v Croydon; Staines v Hampton; Tilbury v Chesham United; Wokingham Town v Corinthian-Casuals.

Lacrosse

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Lee v Hampstead; London University v Old Sedcopians; St Helier v Buckhurst Hill.

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Ashton v Urmston; Manchester University v Old Stopfordians; Old Hulmeians v Heaton Mersey; Sheffield University v Cheadle.

NORTH OF ENGLAND SENIOR FLAGS: First round replay: Mellor v Stockport.

WOMEN'S MATCHES: AEWLA senior county tournament (at Dartford CPE, 11.30): Midland junior county tournament (at Lichfield): Bedford CPE v Midlands; Reckenham v St Christopher's School; Bedford Sprites v Hatch End; Watford v St Margaret's, Bushey; Southsea v Southampton.

Cross-country

Oxford v Cambridge (at Roehampton).
Civil Service championships (men at Wimbledon, women at High Wycombe).
Insurance championships (at Hayes, Kent).
Fraternity Cup (at Barnet).
Surrey League: First division (at Coulsdon); Second division (at Hayes).
Kent League (at Canterbury).
Essex Beagles 6 x 2½ miles relay (at Chigwell Row).
Hertfordshire women's championship (at Watford).
Kent women's championships (at Tonbridge).

Rugby Union

B International match
Wales France (at Cardiff, 2.30)

Area trial
South-East & Metropolitan v South & South-West (at Roehampton, 2.30)

National Knock-out Competition
Coventry v Bradford
Moseley v Wilmslow (2.30)

Club matches
Bedford v Manchester (2.30)
Birmingham v Lydney (2.45)
Blackheath v Harlequins (2.15)
Bridgend v Abertillery (3.15)
Bridgwater v Somerset Police
Broughton Park v Ebbw Vale
Cross Keys v Neath (3.15)
Edinburgh Acads v West of Scotland (2.30)
Gala v Selkirk (2.30)
Glamorgan Wdrs v Cardiff Coll of Ed (2.30)
Gloucester v Newbridge
Halifax v Rugby (2.30)
Harrogate v Loughborough Colleges (2.30)
Hartlepool Rovers v Otley (2.15)
Hawick v Melrose (2.30)
Hull & ER v Gosforth (2.30)
Leicester v Waterloo
Lansdown v Heriot's FP (2.30)
London Irish v Richmond (2.30)
London Scottish v Bath (2.30)
London Welsh v Aberavon (2.30)
Maesteg v London Hospital
Metro Police v Nuneaton (2.30)
New Brighton v Fylde
Northampton v Llanelli (2.45)
O Edwardians v Penarth
O Millhillians v Wasps
O Whitgiftians v Stroud
Penryn v Newton Abbot
Penzance & N v Plymouth Alb
Pontypool v RAF
Redruth v Devonport Services
St Luke's College v Clifton
St Mary's Hospital v O Paulines
Sale v Pontypridd
Saracens v Cheltenham (2.30)
S Wales Police v Streatham/Croydon (2.30)
Swansea v Cardiff (2.30)
Torquay v Exeter (2.30)
Tredegar v Oxford
US Chatham v Rosslyn Park (2.30)
US Portsmouth v Taunton

Rugby League

PLAYERS NO 6 TROPHY: Quarter-final round: Hull Kingston Rovers v Salford (2.15).
SECOND DIVISION: Batley v Doncaster (2.30); Leigh v Hull.

Golf

Burnham and Berrow v Oxford University.

Tomorrow

PLAYERS NO 6 TROPHY: Quarter-final round: Bradford Northern v Leeds (2.30); Widnes v Swinton (3.0).
FIRST DIVISION: Featherstone Rovers v Dewsbury (2.30); Keighley v Wigan (3.0).
SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool Borough v Huddersfield (2.30); Huyton v Rochdale (2.30); Workington Town v Oldham (2.30).

Golf

Leatherjackets GS v Oxford University (at Burnham and Berrow).

Rackets

Noel Bruce public schools old boys

Squash rackets

British colleges championship (at Nottingham University); Kent open championship (at National Westminster Bank Club, Sydenham).

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Admiralty Court

Admiralty marshal can sell ship for dollars

Halcyon the Great

Before Mr Justice Brandon

Mr Justice Brandon made an order that Halcyon the Great, a ship owned by Court Line Ltd, now in liquidation, be sold for a price in US dollars and that the proceeds be paid into a dollar account at the Bank of England pending further order.

His Lordship granted an interlocutory application, in an action in rem by the plaintiffs, Bankers Trust International Ltd, against the defendants, the owners of the ship, made by the plaintiffs by motion, for an order that the price received by the Admiralty marshal be paid into and held until further order in a dollar account at the Bank of England opened in the marshal's name.

Mr Gordon Slynn, QC, and Mr David Grace for Bankers Trust and for Hambros Bank Ltd, the prior mortgagees; Mr Nicholas Phillips as amicus curiae.

MR JUSTICE BRANDON said that the court had on an earlier application by Bankers Trust made an order for the appraisement and sale of the ship by the Admiralty marshal pending suit, and Bankers Trust had, since that order and in pursuance of it, caused a commission for appraisement and sale to be issued.

If the ordinary procedure were to be followed, the marshal would sell the ship for a price in sterling, and would pay the proceeds of sale into court, placed in a sterling deposit account and retained until the time for the payment out arrived.

Bankers Trust, however, wished the procedure to be varied. They wished the Admiralty marshal to sell the ship, or anyhow be free to sell her if the opportunity offered, for a price in United States dollars rather than in sterling; to pay the dollar proceeds of sale into court without first converting them into sterling; and that the proceeds of sale be placed in a separate dollar deposit account until the time for payment out arrived. They applied to the court accordingly to make such further orders as might be appropriate to achieve those ends.

In support, Bankers Trust said: (1) If the marshal invited offers in dollars as well as sterling, he was likely to obtain a higher price for her. (2) If there was a sale in dollars, and the proceeds of sale were, after payment into court without prior conversion into sterling, placed and retained in a dollar account, the fund so created would be protected from the risk of depreciation of sterling against the dollar during the period of its retention. (3) Since the currency of the mortgage transactions out of which Bankers Trust's claim in the action arose was dollars, they would be entitled, on the assumption that their claim succeeded, to a judgment in dollars, and such a judgment could most simply and beneficially be satisfied out of a dollar fund. In that connexion they relied on *Schorsch Meier GmbH v Hennin* (*The Times*, November 26).

The application raised novel questions.

(1) Could the Admiralty marshal lawfully sell the ship for a price in dollars? The answer depended on the true construction of the prescribed form of commission for appraisement of sale. That not only authorized but required the marshal to sell the ship for the highest price which he could obtain. The word "sell" as generally used in the English law of sale of goods included selling for a price in foreign money as *well as a price in sterling, and* "sell" as used in the commission should not be given any narrower meaning. To do so might in particular cases be inconsistent with the expressed purpose that the highest price was to be obtained.

His Lordship did not believe that any Admiralty marshal had ever sold property under arrest in rem for a price in any currency other than sterling. Moreover, the standard conditions of sale presently approved for use by him provided for offers to be made in sterling only.

Nevertheless, on its true construction, the prescribed form of commission permitted the marshal, if he thought fit in order to obtain the best price, to invite offers, and to sell properties for a price in foreign currency as well as sterling.

(2) Could the marshal lawfully pay dollar proceeds of sale into court without first converting them into sterling? The answer was yes, subject to any necessary exchange control permission.

(3) Could dollar proceeds of sale, after payment into court, be lawfully placed and retained in a dollar deposit account? Section 6(1) of the Administration of Justice Act, 1965, gave the court power by implication to order money to be placed or invested in other ways, or, at least, recognized by implication an inherent power in the court, as master of its own practice and procedure, to do so. If the court so ordered but not otherwise and subject to any necessary exchange control permission, dollar proceeds could lawfully, after payment into court, be placed in a dollar deposit account.

(4) Was any court order needed, so far as both the payment into court of dollar proceeds without prior conversion into sterling, and also the placing of such proceeds after payment into court to a dollar deposit account were concerned? Again, yes. Without an order the marshal might not know whether he was obliged to convert the proceeds into sterling before payment in; and as to a dollar deposit account an order was required to take the case out of the provisions of section 6(1)(a) and (b) of the 1965 Act.

(5) Should the court, in the particular circumstances of the case, grant the declaration, and make the order needed? There was no problem about granting the declaration that the marshal was entitled to sell the ship for a price in dollars. That involved no more than stating the law applicable in all cases of sale by the marshal in actions in rem.

However, the court should not go farther and make an order that, in the event of a dollar sale, the proceeds should be paid into court without prior conversion into sterling, and after such payment-in be placed in a dollar deposit account, without good reasons.

The ship, if sold for dollars, was expected to fetch between US$20m to US$30m; Bankers Trust's claim against the ship, arising out of mortgage transactions in dollars, was for at least $14m; Hambros intended to bring a claim against the ship, also arising out of mortgage transactions in dollars, for about $11.5m; the defendant company, Court Line, was in compulsory liquidation and unlikely to defend the claims to any great extent; and Hambros *and Court Line, by its liquidator,* consented to Bankers Trust's application.

It was not necessary on the present interlocutory applications to decide whether it was the duty of the Admiralty Court, when it came to apply the substantive law, to follow the majority decision of the Court of Appeal in *Schorsch Meier*, or to decline to follow it for the reasons given by Mr Justice Bristow in *Miliangos v George Frank (Textiles) Ltd* (*The Times*, December 5). It might be that the solution would be supplied by another decision of the Court of Appeal or by the House of Lords.

Having regard to the majority decision in the Court of Appeal, which was prima facie binding on his Lordship, Bankers Trust had at least an arguable case that they, and Hambros, would be entitled, if their claims succeeded, to judgment in dollars. His Lordship approached the question of how he should exercise his discretion on the present application on that basis.

There were good reasons of a practical nature for granting the order. Those reasons were reinforced by the risk of depreciation of sterling in relation to dollars during the period for which the fund was likely to remain in court. Had the *Schorsch* decision not been given, however, so that Bankers Trust and Hambros had no arguable case that they were entitled to judgment in dollars, his Lordship was not sure whether the mere facts (a) that the transactions sued on were dollar transactions and (b) the risk of depreciation, would by themselves justify the making of the order, although they might possibly do so.

His Lordship would accede to Bankers Trust's applications.

Solicitors: Linklaters & Paines; Norton, Rose, Botterell & Roche; Treasury Solicitor.

Queen's Bench Division

Public presence at council meetings

Regina v Liverpool City Council, Ex parte Liverpool Taxi Fleet Operators Association.

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Melford Stevenson and Mr Justice Watkins.

[Judgment delivered December 4]

The importance of a local authority making provision for reasonable accommodation of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, was stressed by the Divisional Court when giving judgment on an application to quash a decision of Liverpool City Council.

Their Lordships dismissed an application for an order of certiorari by Liverpool Taxi Fleet Operators Association to quash a resolution by the council which had the effect of increasing the number of taxi operators' licences.

Section 1 provides: "(1) Subject to subsection (2) . . . any meeting of a local authority or other body exercising public functions . . . shall be open to the public. (2) A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting . . . for . . . special reasons stated in the resolution. . . ."

Mr Charles James for the applicants; Mr Alan Booth for the council.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the substantial ground for relief was that the committee meeting leading up to the issue of the licences was held in breach of the Act in that the public were not admitted.

The room set aside for the committee meeting had 55 seats. There were 22 members of the council, 17 officials and two police officers. The remaining seats had to serve for the claims of the press and public, for which the seats were clearly inadequate.

When the meeting was about to start some 40 members of the public were waiting to get in. The committee resolved that members of the public, with the exception of the press, be excluded. The reason stated in the resolution was the limitation of the available space and in order that the business of the committee might be carried out effectively.

It was important to stress that authorities arranging committee and other meetings to which the Act applied had to have regard to their duty to the public. It meant that they had to have regard, when making arrangements for the committee meeting, to the provision of reasonable accommodation for the public. If a committee were minded to choose to meet in a very small room and to turn round and say "We cannot have the public in because there is no room" it would be acting in bad faith and would not be beyond the long arm of their Lordships' court.

In the first instance the committee had to recognize its obligation to the public. But, of course, if the interest in the matter was unexpectedly great, if the estimate of persons who would attend was proved to be too low and the accommodation allotted to the public was filled up then other members of the public would be excluded—not because of the committee's order but because no more could get into the space provided. If that situation was reached it was wrong to speak of exclusion of the public in the context in which the phrase was used in the present case.

Since the committee had quite deliberately decided to exclude the public their conduct had to be justified, if at all, under section 1 (2). The present case was a good case of a body finding its arrangements swamped by the number of people wishing to attend.

Another reason given by the chairman, that applicants should be heard in the absence of competing applicants, was also within section 1 (2).

The resolution did not set out the reasons adequately and his Lordship would be bound to say that, looked at by themselves, the words did not show adequate "special reasons". However, the requirement that reasons be stated in the resolution were directory only and the resolution stood unless and until set aside by the court. It would not be set aside because no injury had been proved.

The application should be refused.

Mr Justice Melford Stevenson gave a concurring judgment, and Mr Justice Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Layton & Co, Liverpool; Mr K. M. Egan, Liverpool.

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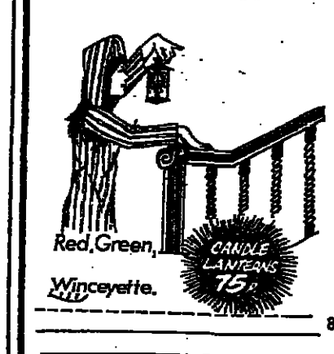

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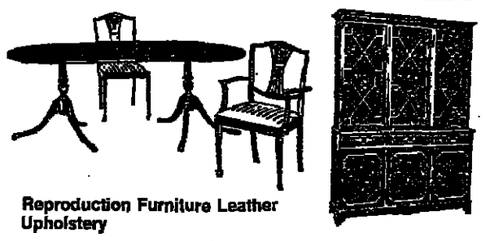

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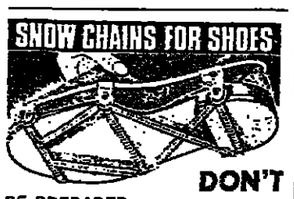

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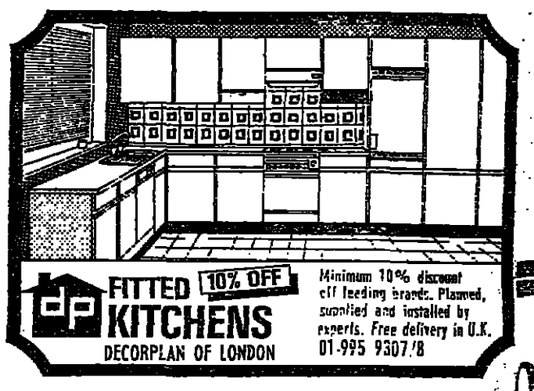

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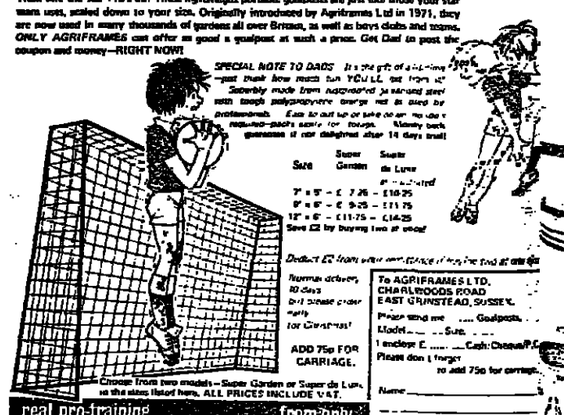

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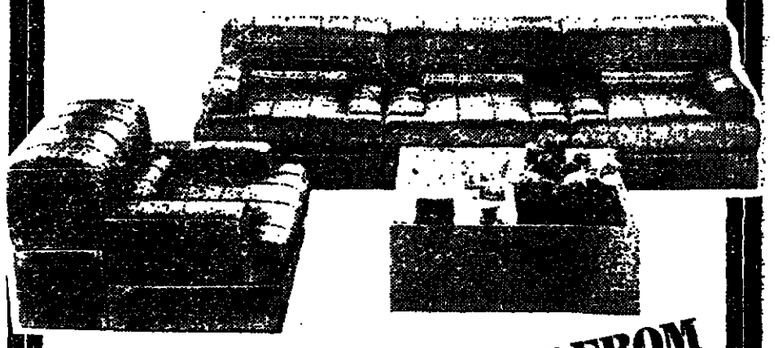

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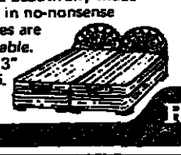

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His imagined India

by H. R. F. Keating

Some 11 years ago H. R. F. Keating, then a detective-story merchant with a reputation for off-beat Englishry, decided, largely in order to tap the American market, to make India his next setting and created one Inspector Ghote (pronounced Go-tay) of the Bombay C.I.D. Despite never having visited India, Keating not only won the Crime Writers Association Golden Dagger here and an Edgar Allen Poe Special Award in America, but was also lauded for his vividness and even authenticity. So Ghote lived again each year. In October Keating was invited to visit his still unseen Bombay.

And there it was. Haji Ali, the mosque that projects at the end of its long causeway into the Bombay sea, just as I had known it would look. So I pointed it out to the driver of the car bringing me in from the airport. (Well, he might not have known.)

No great feat of the writer's imagination to have recognized the building, of course. I must have seen photographs of it, and it is not the sort of place that even after the briefest description you could easily mistake. Many an Indian on his first *trip to London* will have said "Ah" in just the same way as he spotted the Tower. But nevertheless Haji Ali was heartening. It promised me that I had got a lot of it right, and soon indeed I was able to confirm that I had done better than just get the buildings in the correct places. I had, thank goodness, captured the atmosphere.

But, again, no great miraculous feat. Those other writers I had trusted had simply proved trustworthy, even down to such humble practitioners as the creator of the comic-strip from whom I had learnt that Bombay pillar-boxes have tops domed like tin-hats. Though I had not learnt, thanks to the maddening obscurity of almost all illustrations, that the boxes are fastened by padlocks. In fact, padlocks are great fasteners of things Indian everywhere.

Other details too, of course, I had never got quite clear. Yes, I knew that 300,000 Bombay lunches are brought in each day from wives in the suburbs by boys carrying metal containers in wooden racks. But until one afternoon when I walked along beside a returning trio of such dubbawallas I did not know exactly how long the racks were (6ft), how many went to a handcart (10), or just how each container got to its right luncher (painted letters and figures on the lid). Nor had I appreciated the cheerfulness of the striding dubbawallas. Here was something new: the high level of happiness in this city of patchily dreadful night.

And there were, I found as my stay went on, some notable coups of the imagination to chalk up. There was the sudden sight of a boy running along the roof of a train approaching its terminus, just exactly as I had made my harassed hero do at the climax of *Inspector Ghote goes by Train*. There was the former police sub-inspector, now a private detective, who had offered to come to see me for the sole hospitable purpose of providing me with facts, and who turned out to be physically the spitting image of my imagined Ghote.

And, most butterishly gratifying of all, there was the alleged complicity of Inspector Keating, retired. Every day at 3.30 pm precisely the Commissioner of Bombay Police holds a conference of his senior officers and when tea comes in (in cups decorated with pretty flower-sprays, if I learnt anything) conversation becomes general. One day, not so long ago, it seems, the talk turned to the adventures of "that chap Inspector Ghote" and then it was that a grizzled veteran put in his suggestion. "Commissioner sahib, do you know that once we were having an Inspector Keating in the force? He is long ago retired to UK, but I suspect he is the fellow behind these books." A thoroughly satisfying feat of detection.

But, of course, there were as well some properly bitter draughts to swallow. The Inspector-General of the Maharashtra State Police, who looks after administration for the Bombay force, delivered a gentle rebuke over the scratched and whorled state of poor Ghote's desk. Still, as I knew that that was in fact my own, it came as no immense surprise to find the Bombay CID inspectors' desks, when I saw them, smartly topped in green leather. Quite a jolt, however, to be told by the Deputy Commissioner heading the force's crime branch that at the very outset of Ghote's career he should have sent his first body directly to the police surgeon and thus would have found out much too soon that, with his corpse alive, he was investigating a very imperfect murder. And yet, damn it, Deputy Commissioner Kulkarni had read *The Perfect Murder* through to the end.

Besides such inevitable upsets and the details that were so gratifyingly right, there were a good many things that were quite new to me, some tiny, some bulking quite large. Let me confess, for instance, that I had not expected to learn that the Bombay CID crime clear-up rate last year actually exceeded Scotland Yard's—and all without the help of Inspector Ghote and his fictionally necessary final triumphs.

Let me admit, too, that though I used to try to keep up with the changes in unchanging India, I had not realized that Bombay had abandoned all but the skeleton of its former prohibition laws and that in consequence one of the commonest sights in the city today is little shops like the "Colaba Wine Mart (Country Liquor Licence No 52)". I had not even seen in my considerable collection of smudgy newspaper photographs the mid-road kerbstones that are such an inescapable feature of going about Bombay. Nor had I anywhere chanced on a reference to another ubiquitous sight, the pavement cobblers upon whom thousands of daily wearers of light sandals, high and low, rely for instant repairs when a frail strap breaks and who also fill their idle minutes with on-the-spot, and fascinating, footwear manufacture.

Some notions, too, absorbed from the mass of India books I lapped up in over ten years of vicarious India living I found I had to revise. The sound of crows, they had told me, is the dominant background noise to all Bombay life. Not so. More insistent, more omnipresent than the cawing of crows is the hawking of humans. And the betel-juice stains that in part consequence splatter the pavements—how often have I flicked those in for a touch of exotic atmosphere—they are not red, but rust-coloured. And rust-coloured they will be in the pages of Inspector Ghote henceforth.

But the whole hawking phenomenon did not, I discovered with relief, totally disgust me as it might have done, and thus bring to a calamitous end my hero's career. No, prior knowledge gave me from the very outset that carapace all comers to Bombay must acquire in face of pavement sleepers, of the importunings of dust-engrained beggars ("Good-night, Johnny", one noon-day chancer called after me, harking back to the troop-crowded Bombay of the war), of the kerbside vendors of a handful of bananas or half a dozen gaudy rings, of the tiny lean-to habitations made only from some sticks and a few pieces of flapping sack.

My problem was otherwise. The sheer wild volume of it all often threatened to sink me. The office of the Chief Inspector of Steam Boilers and Smoke Nuisances, I know just where it is, and the New Gentleman Restaurant, and the Moon Winding Works (specialists in re-winding fan motors). Oh, and yes, I can lead you, and diligent Ghote, straight to the shop that advertises "Surprised Contracts Are Undertaken". But heaven preserve me from too much too easy quaintness.

Yet, though the details of such discoveries may have been new to me, in essence they did not surprise me. I might have extrapolated their existence. Other acquisitions would have defied all guesswork, odd little facts I could never have hit on in a hundred years of seeing India through books and photographs darkly. How could I have known that your Sikh taxi-driver will keep the handkerchief he uses as a sweat-mop (lugging around a snot-storing rag seems fearfully unhygienic to most Indians, and isn't it?) ingeniously tucked away in the back of his shirt collar ready for instant use? But so he does. And equally so do coolies find the big baskets they have carried for miles make at last excellent places for the midday *sleep they have so clearly* earned. And, still nearer the heart of my matter, how could I, brought up to revere the stately British bobby, have ever imagined his Bombay equivalent sitting matter-of-factly at ease on some convenient box in the full public gaze, lathi negligently propped on shoulder? Not unless the sight had at last become thoroughly familiar.

A generous handful of such surprises enriched my stay. But there were other aspects of the teeming city that I had known all about in home-bound theory and which yet, experienced on the senses, were to prove to be even more themselves than I had imagined. That very first moment when I stepped out of the delightful coolness of the Air-India jumbo was one such. I had a little joke going with myself. As I crossed the aircraft threshold I would say "One small step for H. R. F. Keating: one giant leap for Inspector Ghote". But the moment I took that step the Bombay post-monsoon heat, which I had even particularly described once, struck me in all its bathroom humidity, and I could think nothing but "Cripes".

The riches and the poverty, these too I knew well in theory and found to be even more so in actuality. Whether it was the 20-storey blocks of flats that Bombay property men seem to zip up whenever they have a spare moment, or whether it was the huge garlands in the vast, dim and fragrant Crawford Market which, made with jasmine, can cost as much as £25, a sum that measured by basic standards of living is the equivalent of a good £50, the sheer munificence that exists in the city had to be seen or smelt to be believed. As did the wider reaches of poverty. A poor tailor figured largely in *Inspector Ghote Trusts the Heart*, but I needed to see a tailor working away at his sewing-machine in a shop less than three feet wide (I went back to check the measurement) crammed between two other establishments to get my truly memorable impression of the way a poor man can wriggle himself out a living. And, when both extremes had been seen and felt, then I got that sense of the bubbling variety which makes Bombay such a city to be in, and to write about.

Then too I was able to prove true for myself that list of things I had known to be true, because good men had told me, and which yet I could not somehow bring myself to believe. There were the lepers. Tame years spent almost entirely in cleanly Britain had prevented me believing that real lepers could actually sit in Bombay's streets. But there they were. And after a week or so I was able to look straight at them and even accept without any agonizing the daily blackmail that places one particular legless fellow ingeniously between a bus-stop and a wall so that the maximum number of passers-by will drop a coin into the sacking apron stretched between his stumps. And cows. Were there really, I used to ask myself, cows on the streets of a metropolis. There were, and not just the ones near the temples with the woman selling bunches of long grass for the devout to feed to them, but others quite often wandering anywhere, real, skinny-ribbed, smelly-breathed.

Then, beyond the things I had not quite believed, lay the things I feared I would never be willing to believe. Temple India, for instance. City life where for the great majority religion is a dominant part of existence: could I get that into my Western mind? I went to the great Hindu Mahalaxmi Temple, thronged because it was a public holiday, held for the Muslim festival of Idd (There's contrariness for you). Swept forward shoulder to shoulder with the crowd ("Oh God, will I have to take off my sandals? Will they be stolen?" They never were. Where criminality is largely a matter of caste, the rest of humanity is left to be honest). I did get an inkling of what it felt like. I got it in the fairground in the temple approaches and in the numerous shops leading up to it, the huge arrays of sweetmeats with the fat and *immaculately white-clothed* vendors cross-legged up beside them, the vibrant flower stalls, the ice-cream stalls, the jewellery stalls, the stalls of little wooden dolls. And I got it at other times, in the sight of a stolid gentleman perched early one morning on the sea-wall trippingly reciting his prayers and from the swami sitting up on a mound of sand among the Sunday frivolities of Chaupati Beach, the horse-rides and the peepshows, sweetly discoursing to a dozen attentive listeners.

But, worse than temple India, what about the magical? Not the tourist-brochure word, but your actual magic. There was the man I met, a successful executive in a hard-selling German pharmaceuticals firm, full of talk about "motivation" and "outlets", who before very long had plunged me into his first-hand experiences of seeing rupee notes magicked out of the air (and, because the *possessor of such powers must* not use them for base ends, magicked away again) and half a dozen other feats as inexplicable. And, yes, my hard-selling science-based acquaintance guided himself by astrology and wanted to see my palm. I still don't know what I feel. But in Bombay the ready acceptance of such supernatural happenings is simply and naturally all around one.

With both temple life and *the magical there is an uninhibited* mingling in the fabric of society. And here I found a hint of a grand pattern to it all which I am sure I could never have even partly made out without seeing, hearing, touching and smelling the elements that go towards it. What help such glimpses will be in the writing of further episodes in the life of Inspector Ghote I am not very sure. Perhaps one day they will provide themes to underlie some of the mysteries he solves, or perhaps they will simply rest, like the huge rocks you occasionally see exposed in Bombay where yet another flats block is going up, sure foundations for hectic activity above. And certainly one swirl of the pattern is the notion that in India life laps around you. It does so more, far more, than in the chilly West. True, here and there in Bombay, in some high-up flat guarded by khaki-uniformed chaukidars, people can perhaps *get away from their fellow* humans and their concerns. But even there the servants and the servants' dependents meet and mix with the mighty. And down below the film star's car goes round the beggar.

And in that I saw another glimpse of the pattern underneath it all. The beggar, thousands of his fellow citiz[illegible] *will likely as not be walkin*[illegible] the roadway. An atavistic [illegible] puts that down at first to [illegible] invincible stupidity of [illegible] native. Fellers haven't le[illegible] the difference between [illegible] (R-O-A-D) and paven[illegible] (P-A-V . . .). But then [illegible] come to see that, first, it's [illegible] sense to walk in the road [illegible] because the pavements [illegible] almost always a jumble of ea[illegible] piles and left-over excavati[illegible] as well as being cumbered [illegible] sleepers, beggars up against [illegible] *walls, dogs (even in the gran*[illegible] streets), kerbside stalls [illegible] gobbets of saliva. And then [illegible] realize that it isn't even [illegible] risky to quit the pavement [illegible] cause driving and walkin[illegible] Bombay are both much [illegible] individual acts than in [illegible] London. The Bombayite in [illegible] roadway knows that the [illegible] will not, fixed in some [illegible] mechanical line, mow him d[illegible] Each metre of road for [illegible] driver is a metre to be d[illegible] over as a separate act. H[illegible] those mid-road kerbs. Car[illegible] fast, but not in fact so fast [illegible] they cannot take avoiding a[illegible] (which is not to say there [illegible] no accidents, but there [illegible] thousands fewer than [illegible] might be).

India has, in short, a diffe[illegible] way of going about life. Ins[illegible] of taking aim and marchin[illegible] directly as possible towards [illegible] target, you take an aim, lar[illegible] forget it (After all, if you [illegible] get there in this life there [illegible] is another and another [illegible] another to do it in) and [illegible] centrate on each step a[illegible] comes.

It is this attitude, I t[illegible] that accounts for the In[illegible] genius for decoration. [illegible] that you see everywhere [illegible] those flower-painted office [illegible] cups, in the garlands, in [illegible] driving-wheels of taxis boun[illegible] plastic in happy shades of [illegible] or green, in the boys ho[illegible] down the bus-station floor [illegible] the early morning and [illegible] their squeegees not in reg[illegible] *methodical lines* but in [illegible] fanciful sweeps (they get [illegible] floor clean enough though, [illegible] or less), in the fact that pe[illegible] those leaf-wrapped chews, [illegible] divided into meetha (sweet) [illegible] sada (plain) with the h[illegible] *spicy as can be. Decorati*[illegible] the surface of life and an In[illegible] pays it enormous attention, [illegible] centrating more on the pat[illegible] he makes as he goes tha[illegible] steadily covering the grou[illegible]

There is a link, too, ter[illegible] and only just to be seen [illegible] tween this and another ch[illegible] teristic that emerged for [illegible] from the city chaos, the [illegible] Indian success with minim[illegible] tion. You see it even in [illegible] trivia as street-signs. In Bri[illegible] when we want to put up a "parking" notice we set [illegible] a stout round pole that w[illegible] defy even the unlikely eve[illegible] lity of an earthquake. In [illegible] bay a "parallel parking" [illegible] will be supported on a le[illegible] of angle-iron, the mini[illegible] necessary use of material [illegible] they do sometimes get be[illegible]

The principle you can [illegible] everywhere. Fact-gatherin[illegible] the film-studios, I learnt [illegible] a feature film in India will [illegible] only a tenth as much a[illegible] British or American equiva[illegible] Those flat blocks too [illegible] much, much cheaper than [illegible] London ones, and you [illegible] understand why when you [illegible] the twisty bits of tree use[illegible] scaffolding. To the British [illegible] they look wrong: scaffo[illegible] ought to come in straight [illegible] But the curly props perf[illegible] well hold up the uncomp[illegible] building. And the principle [illegible] *right on down* till you g[illegible] the charpoy, that frame [illegible] ropes bed, the *reductio ad* [illegible] *monsensum* of supported [illegible] For a Europe beginning [illegible] decades if not centuries t[illegible] gripped by fundamental s[illegible] ties, there may be a lesson [illegible]

Such pieces of the pat[illegible] and others, will perhaps ev[illegible] ally underpin half a dozen c[illegible] stories. But a last doubt er[illegible] If it was all a giant leap [illegible] Inspector Ghote, did it take [illegible] in a mortally dangerous c[illegible] tion? Certainly he esc[illegible] death by bludgeoning und[illegible] rain of blows intolerable t[illegible] begetter's sensibilities. An[illegible] may have grown all the stu[illegible] for his creator's new confid[illegible] after finding much of [illegible] acquired learning and som[illegible] his wild guesses justifie[illegible] well as for errors now ha[illegible] correctable and for new nu[illegible] *stored away and incredibl*[illegible] made at last credible. [illegible] Ghote's dangerous journey [illegible] not be finally done til[illegible] reaches the safety of a fini[illegible] typescript. He could still b[illegible] upon and come to a sticky [illegible] suffocated under a feather [illegible] of crowding facts. Other h[illegible] have been stunted by [illegible] creators knowing too much. [illegible] a little I tremble.

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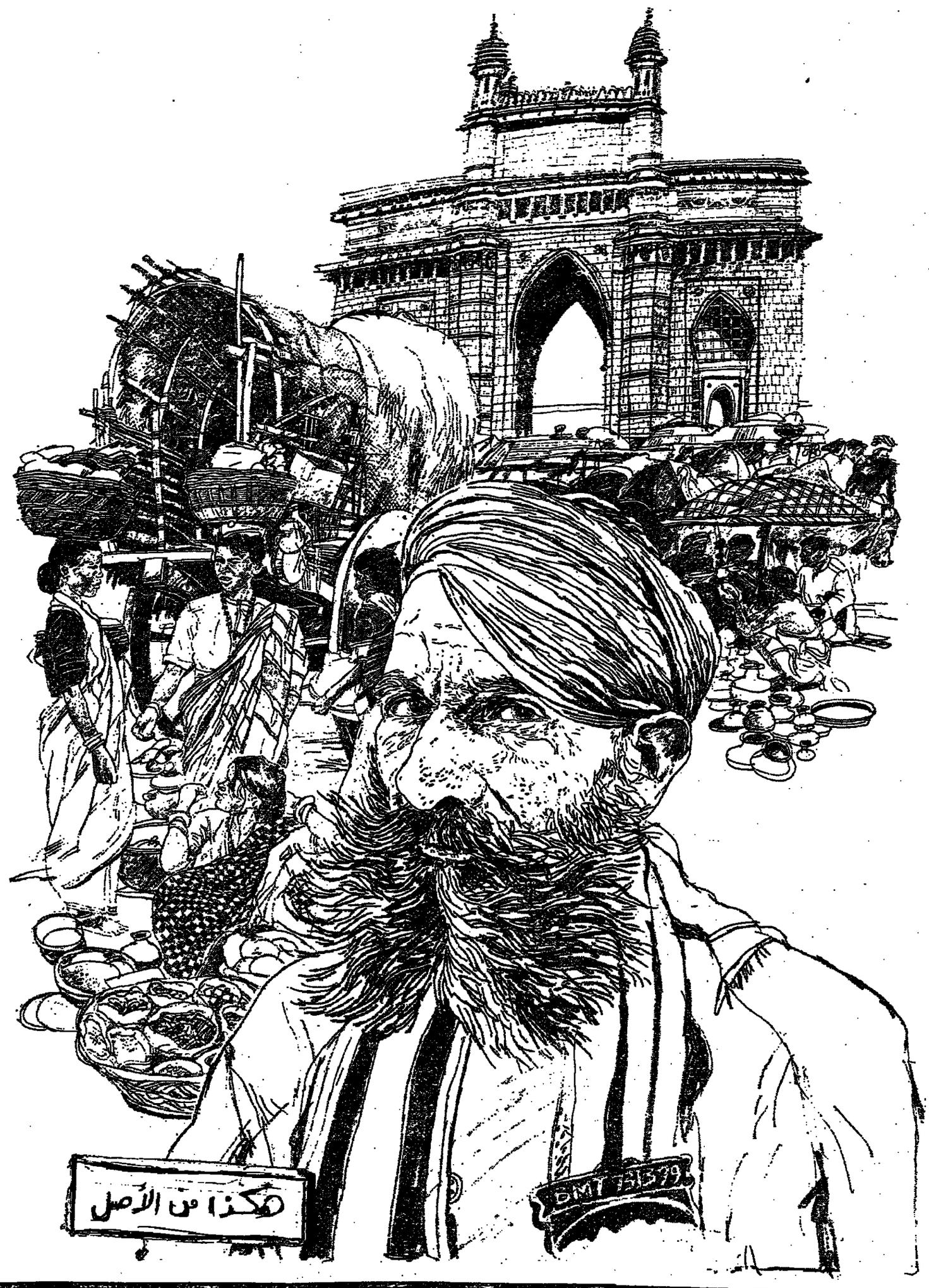

H. R. F. Keating's latest c[illegible] novels are *Bats Fly Up* [illegible] *Inspector Ghote*, from Co[illegible] last March, and *Inspector G*[illegible] *Breaks An Egg*, from Pen[illegible] last October.

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Chess .

Melancholy Colossus

Bobby Fischer intends to de-
d his title against Karpov
xt year, he must surely get
ne over-the-board practice.
; all know that he is a special
e in this respect as he has
eady proved at least once be-
e in his career. But all the
ne, Fischer, being human,
st deteriorate in strength if
does not play.

le should also reflect that the
mory of the world is short-
ed and that any day now he
y be classed as an ancient
nument. It is all very well
bestride the narrow world
e a Colossus at one particular
ie. Inevitably, if that Colossus
nains in the same place, the
ie will come when it stands
need of preservation and re-
r.

t is difficult to understand
; self-deprivation in the
racter of one who is so pas-
nately devoted to the game.
ere is a great difference be-
en him and such people as
anuel Lasker or Milan
lmar. They had other avoca-
is to which they could turn
re apart from chess, and Bot-
nik, who was also absent
m chess for a long period
er winning the title, did pass
time as an electrical en-
eer, designing a hydro-elec-
station. But Bobby Fischer
i chess player only.

n his own special line, it is
e, he is a consummate artist
for this the chess world
s him an enormous debt.
wever, on becoming world
mpion he himself assumed
, indeed acknowledged the
y of participating frequently
chess events. This he has not
e and it must be firmly
ed that a world chess cham-
1 who does not play chess
ht as well not exist. Fischer
had a great and splendid
ss career; he should beware
it come, as was said of
hms's fourth symphony, to a
ancholy close in a minor key.

ook at the other side of the
ure and consider the 23-
r-old Anatoly Karpov, easily
orious in his candidates'
ches, that is, till this last
, and winner of first prize
1 number of recent famous
naments. When asked at a
cow news conference last
k about his chances in the
5 match against Fischer he
ied: "If you don't believe
ictory you have no business
ng down at a chess board."
1 words are calculated to
e a chill in the heart of a
-holder.

ut when he went on to cite
"stupendous errors which
urred during the 1972
sky-Fischer match, especi-
in Spassky's play" and the
l lack of such blunders in
own match with Korchnoi I
t respectfully beg to differ.
the first place anyone who
attended a World Champion-
match knows that it is
nposed of fine play inter-
rsed with errors. That is
te normal. And as for the
pov-Korchnoi match, an
mination of the games re-
s quite a crop of errors, in
icular on the part of the
ated player. Karpov was far
n being immune. I counted,
example, no less than four
nright errors in the 21st
ne which he lost. In any case
parisons of this nature are
1 odious and time-wasting.
chief objective is that the
ch between Fischer and
pov should take place next
and that, as Karpov so
ibly says, it should be an
est and sportsmanlike
ggle. I applaud too his hope
"the unpleasant events
tting the 1972 Spassky-
her match will not happen
n'.

Meanwhile I must emphasize that the match between the two K's was a fascinating one. Anyone who doubts this should get hold of a book on it which has been just published by the Oxford University Press. It costs 95p and is written by W. R. Hartston and R. D. Keene, the two young masters who are fortunate in being talented both in playing chess and writing about it.

The match was full of tense moments, not the least being the last and 24th game. If Korchnoi had won it then the match would have been drawn and they would have had to proceed to the ridiculous resource of drawing of lots to decide the winner. Here is how the game went:

White: Karpov. Black: Korchnoi; Queen's Gambit Accepted.

1 Kt-KB3	P-Q4	5 BxP	B-Kt2
2 P-Q4	Kt-KB3	6 0-0	0-0
3 P-B4	PxP	7 P-QKt3	P-B3
4 P-K3	P-KKt3		

The alternative (which I prefer) is 7 . . , P-B4; to which White's best reply is 8. B-Kt2, and not 8. PxP, because of 8 . . , Kt-K5.

8 B-Kt2	B-Kt5	12 B-KB1	Kt-K5
9 QKt-Q2	QKt-Q2	13 KtxKt	BxKt
10 P-KR3	B-B4	14 Kt-Q2	B-B4
11 R-K1	Kt-Kt3		

The position is now even; but since Black must play to win in order to square the match, he now searches for a chance of gaining the initiative.

15 R-B1	R-B1	16 Q-K2	R-B2

Possibly with the interesting idea of R-Q2 followed by P-K4.

17 P-QR4

Nipping the idea in the bud; if now 17 . . , R-Q2; 18. P-R5, followed by Kt-B4 with a strong hold on K5.

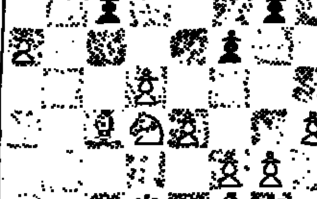
17 . . .	B-B1	19 Q-Q1	R-K1
18 B-R3	B-K3	20 Kt-K4	P-KB4

A weakening move; but White was threatening Kt-B5 and if then 21 . . , B-Q4; 22. P-K4.

21 Kt-B5	B-B3	25 PxP	QxP
22 B-Kt2	Kt-Q2	26 B-B3	Q-R2
23 Kt-Q3	R-QB1	27 P-R5	
24 P-QKt4	P-QR4		

A critical point in the struggle; according to Petrosian, Black's best move now was 27 . . , P-K4; the game might then proceed 28. PxP, KtxP; 29. Kt x Kt, BxKt; 30. Q-B2, BxB; 31. QxB, when indeed White has control of the black squares but Black is not without counterchances. Korchnoi, under time pressure, chooses a pawn advance that gets him into trouble.

Black (Korchnoi) to play



White (Karpov)

27 . . .	P-B4	28 Q-R4	Kt-Kt3

A pawn sacrifice of doubtful validity; better seems 28 . . , KR-Q1.

29 Q-R1	Kt-Q4	31 QxKt	drawn
30 KtxP	KtxB		

At this point Korchnoi proposed a draw. Karpov accepted, since, despite his advantage, he was, as he afterwards said, no longer interested in winning games against Korchnoi but thinking about his match with Fischer.

Harry Golombek

Bridge

Forcing the pace

is curious that there has
er been unanimity on the
ngth needed for a forcing
ponse. Not long ago, I read
with a 13 point hand and
ong suit you would not
h a slam by making a
ple change of suit at the
est level, because the ground
by the response could not
ecovered. When you are in
rol of the bidding there is
e purpose in forcing unless
have an established suit
wo aces and strong support
the opening.

recall a deal from an Irish
nament where the respon-
took charge and almost
ranteed a slam which failed.
score; dealer South.

North: ♠ K 9 ♡ K Q J 7 5 3 ♢ A 3 2 ♣ 9 7

West: ♠ 10 8 7 ♡ 6 2 ♢ 9 6 5 ♣ 10 6

East: ♠ J 6 5 3 2 ♡ 10 8 4 ♢ 7 ♣ Q 8 5 4

South: ♠ A 4 ♡ 9 ♢ K Q J 9 8 4 ♣ A J 3 2

h	West	North	East
amond	No	2 Hearts	No
amonds	No	3 Hearts	No
ubs	No	4 Diamonds	No
amonds	No	No	No

fter North's jump response
Hearts, declarer assumed
he was in a safe contract,
ause it was sufficient for
partner to bid One Heart
owed by Three Hearts to
re reaching game. He was
1 disillusioned.

Vest reasoned that South had
ped to Six Diamonds in the
ectation of a spade lead;
therefore opened a small
1 and there was no escape
n the loss of the ♣K and

imilar bidding has been
wn in the European cham-
ships, although in the next deal the responder had more justification for his initial force. It would appear from these attempts to make slams with fewer than 30 points that the responder likes to gamble on his long suit and strong trump support, when he would be wiser to ensure that game is not missed and then leave slam enquiries to his partner. North South game; dealer East.

North: ♠ A J 10 8 ♡ Q 10 ♢ J ♣ K Q 10 7 6 2

West: ♠ Q 7 6 4 ♡ K J 7 ♢ 8 6 3 2 ♣ J 4

East: ♠ — ♡ 9 6 3 2 ♢ A K 10 9 5 4 ♣ 9 5 3

South: ♠ K 9 5 3 2 ♡ A 8 5 4 ♢ Q 7 ♣ A 8

East	South	West	North
No	1 Spade	No	3 Clubs
3 Diamonds	3 Hearts	No	3 Spades
No	4 Clubs	No	4 No Trumps
No	5 Hearts	No	6 Spades
No	No	No	

The defenders began with two rounds of diamonds, forcing a trump from dummy. Declarer had an awkward decision to take.

After East's original pass, he was not likely to have a trick outside his diamonds, but there was no indication that the spades would divide 4—0. Prepared to play East for a singleton spade, declarer led a trump from dummy to his ♠K and perforce went one down. Strangely enough he had already put the contract out of his power by ruffing the diamond with the ♠8 instead of the ♠10. With two cards of entry in his hand, South could finesse twice against the ♠Q; but there was no third entry needed in order to draw West's last trump.

Edward Mayer

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Sunday 8 Dec. 7.30 p.m.	LINDSAY QUARTET Beethoven/Bartok series Ibbs & Tillett	Final recital: Tomorrow Beethoven: Quartet in F minor, Op. 95 Beethoven: Quartet in F, Op. 18, No. 1 Beethoven: Quartet in E flat, Op. 127
Monday 9 Dec. 7.30 p.m.	GEORGIA McEWAN Young American pianist Ibbs & Tillett	Haydn: Sonata in D, No. 42 Beethoven: Sonata in C minor, Op. 111 Alban Berg: Sonata No. 1 Guarnieri: Ponteios Scriabin: Sonata No. 5, Op. 53 Tickets: £2.50, £1.75, £1.50, £1.00
Tuesday 10 Dec. 7.30 p.m.	TIMOTHY ROWE baritone Julian Dawson-Lyell piano Young Musicians Series New Era Int. Concerts	Schumann: Liederkreis, Op. 39 Fauré: Cinq Chansons de Venise, Op. 58 Songs by Schubert, Duparc, Ives
Wed. 11 Dec. 7.30 p.m.	PATRICIA HOOPER British soprano Paul Hamburger piano Helen Jennings Concert Agency	Purcell: Sacred Songs Mozart: Concert Arias Debussy: Ariettes Oubliées Schumann: Lieder Castelnuovo-Tedesco: Shakespeare Songs
Thurs. 12 Dec. 7.30 p.m.	PETER REJTO cello Philip Challis piano Mgt New Era International Concerts	Boccherini: Sonata in A Britten: Suite for solo cello, Op. 72 Beethoven: 7 Variations (Magic Flute) Schumann: Fantasiestücke Falla: Suite Populaire Espagnole
Friday 13 Dec. 7.30 p.m.	FFRANGCON DAVIES Welsh pianist Mgt. New Era International Concerts	Bach-Busoni: Chaconne in D minor Mozart: Fantaisie, C minor, K.396 Chopin: Twelve Studies, Op. 10 Hartmann: Sonata No. 2 works by Rachmaninov and Scriabin
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Tuesday 17 Dec. 7.30 p.m.	TRIO ACADEMUS Piano, clarinet, cello Mgt. New Era International Concerts	Beethoven: Trio in E flat major, Op. 38 Gunter Raphael: Trio, Op. 70
Wed. 18 Dec. 7.30 p.m.	PIETER SERFONTEIN baritone Antony Saunders piano Helen Jennings Concert Agency	"A Song for Christmas" Works by Warlock, Duparc, Strauss A selection of Christmas songs by Felton, Rodrigo, du Plessis, Wolf and Cornelius
Friday 20 Dec. 7.30 p.m.	HUGH PETTER piano	Colin Matthews: 3 Studies (First performance) Beethoven: Sonata, Op. 111 Chopin: Sonata in B minor, Op. 58 Works by Bartok, Scriabin, Debussy

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Thu. 19 Dec. 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC Sir Charles Groves Alfred Brendel Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Ltd.	Britten .... Variations & Fugue on a theme of Purcell Beethoven .. Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Elgar ...... Symphony No 2 in E flat £2.75, £2.20, £1.75, £1.45, £1.10, 75p
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Sunday 8 December 3 p.m.	GARRICK OHLSSON Piano Recital. Haydn Sonata in C Hob XVI: 50 (The English Sonata). Chopin Scherzo in E Op 54 Four Mazurkas, Op. 41, Polonaise in F sharp minor, Op. 44. Mussorgsky Pictures at an Exhibition. £1.10, 90p, 75p, 50p Ibbs & Tillett
Sunday 8 December 7.15 p.m.	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Christoph Eschenbach (conductor & soloist). Bach Ricercare (The Musical Offering) Mahler Movement from the Piano Quartet in A minor: Mozart Piano Quartet in G minor, K. 478. Tchaikovsky Serenade for Strings. £1.80, £1.60, £1.20. E.C.O Ltd.
Monday 9 December 7.45 p.m.	THOMAS IGLOI (cello) HEINZ MEDJIMOREC (piano) Ginastera Pampeana, No. 2; Beethoven Sonata in F, Op. 5 No. 1; Bartók Rhapsody No. 1 (1928); Brahms Sonata No 2 in F, Op. 99. £1.00, 80p, 60p, 40p. Kirckman Concert Society Ltd.
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Thursday 12 December 7.45 p.m.	JOHN BINGHAM Piano Recital Scriabin Sonata No. 4, Two Poemes; Schumann Symphonic Studies; Chopin Ballade No. 1, Impromptu No. 1, Polonaise Fantasia, Op. 61. Works by Liszt. £1.20, £1.00, 80p, 50p Ingpen & Williams Ltd.
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Monday 16 December 7.45 p.m.	BARCLAYS BANK MUSICAL SOCIETY CHOIR & ORCHESTRA Harold Barnes (cond) Ruth Fielding (soprano), George Linley (accomp). A programme of Christmas music & carols for choir & audience. 80p, 60p Barclays Bank Musical Society
Tuesday 17 December 7.45 p.m.	CONTRAPUNCTI Michael Lankester (cond), Christine Read, Michael Laird, Michael Harris, Vivaldi Concerto in C Martinu Tre ricercari Haydn Trumpet Concerto Rawsthorne Clarinet Concerto Handel Concerto No. 1. £1.25, £1.00, 85p, 65p Anna Maggio
Thursday 19 December 7.45 p.m.	ANTONY PEEBLES Piano Recital Bach/Busoni Chaconne in D minor Debussy Etude No. 10 (Pour les sonorités opposées) Ravel Gaspard de la Nuit Brahms Ballade in D, Op. 10 No. 2: Sonata in F minor, Op. 5. £1.10, 90p, 65p, 45p Helen Jennings Concert Agency
Friday 20 December 7.45 p.m.	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Andrew Davis (cond), R. Tear, J-L. Garcia, A. Halstead. Vivaldi Autumn & Winter (The 4 Seasons) Bach Cantata No. 180 Britten Les Illuminations Elgar Introduction & Allegro for Strings. £1.80, £1.60, £1.20 English Chamber Orchestra Ltd.

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COLUMBIA (734 5414) A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS (U). Progs. Dly. 1.00 (not Suns.), 3.30, 5.55, 8.20. Late show Sats. 11.00.

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5.30 News.
5.45 Bruce Forsyth and the Generation Game.
6.35 Film: Garden of Evil (1954), with Gary Cooper, Susan Hayward, Richard Widmark.
8.10 Dick Emery Show.
8.50 The Sound of Petula.
9.10 Kojak.
10.00 News.
10.10 Match of the Day.
11.10 Parkinson.
12.10 Weather.

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BBC WALES: 8.55-9.10 am, Fingerbobs. 9.10-9.35, Animal Magic 5.05-5.30 pm, Swn Y Ser. SCOTLAND: 4.55-5.05 pm, (and 5.40-5.45, 10.10-10.40), Sportsreel. 10.40-11.10, Songs of Scotland. 12.12 am, Scottish News Headlines. NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.55-5.05 pm, Scoreboard. 5.40-5.45, Northern Ireland News. 12.12 am, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

YORKSHIRE
9.05 am, London. 10.00, Arthur. 10.25, The Beachcombers. 10.50, Cartoon. 11.05, Lassie. 11.30, The Lone Ranger. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, ATV. 6.00, New Faces. 7.00, London. 9.45, Film: Ann Lynn, Keith Barron and Linda Hayden in Baby Love. 11.25-11.55, The Unseen World.

BORDER
10.45 am, Milton the Monster. 11.05, Tarzan: The Circus. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.25, Border Sports Results. 5.30, London. 7.30, The Magician. 8.30, London. 9.45, Film: Where's Jack? with Tommy Steele, Stanley Baker. 11.50-12.15 am, The Adventurer.

GRAMPIAN
10.00 am, Film: The Prince who was a Thief. 11.30, Zoom! 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, London. 7.00, Dusty's Trail. 7.30, Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30, London. 9.45, Film: The Eye of the Devil, with Deborah Kerr, David Niven, Donald Pleasence. 11.20, The Odd Couple. 11.50, Prayers.

TYNE TEES
9.05 am, In Tune. 9.35, London. 10.00, Primus. 10.25, Captain Scarlet. 10.50, Cartoon. 11.05, Lassie. 11.30, The Lone Ranger. 12.00, London. 5.15 pm, Cartoon. 5.30, ATV. 6.00, New Faces. 7.00, London. 9.45, Film: The House on Greenapple Road, with Christopher George, Janet Leigh. 11.40, Griff. 12.35 am, Reading.

SCOTTISH
9.40 am, Preludes. 10.05, All in a Day's Work. 10.35, The Geordie Scene. 11.00, Film: Conquest of Space, with Eric Fleming, Ross Martin. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Cartoon. 5.30, Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 6.30, Scotch Corner. 7.00, Film: The Young Land, with Pat Wayne, Yvonne Craig, Dennis Hopper, Dan O'Herlihy. 8.30, London. 9.45, The Streets of San Francisco. 10.40, Late Call. 10.45, ATV. 11.30-12.30 am, Theatre of Stars.

ULSTER
10.45 am, Talking Hands. 11.00, Skippy. 11.30, Sesame Street. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Sportscast. 5.50, Cartoon. 6.00, ATV. 7.30, Candid Camera. 8.00, The Odd Couple. 8.30, London. 9.45-12.05 am, Film: Barabbas, with Anthony Quinn, Silvana Mangano.

BBC 2
2.15 pm, Open Door: Mrs Eleanor Cook and Mr George Pluckwell. 3.00, Film: Horizontal Lieutenant (1962), with Jim Hutton, Paula Prentiss, Jack Carter. 4.30, Mr Magoo. 4.40, Play Away. 5.05, Lancer. 5.55, Man Alive: Somebody Up There. 6.45, Westminster.
7.15 News.
7.25 Rugby. Edinburgh v Glasgow.
8.10 The Early Life of Stephen Hind: Part 2.
9.00 Backstage: Sir John Gielgud talks about Mrs Patrick Campbell.
9.10 Bert Kaempfert and his Orchestra.
10.05 A Passion for Churches, with Sir John Betjeman.
10.55 Face the Music.
11.30 News.
11.35 Network: Road to Ruin or Riches?
12.05-2.05 am, Film: The Misfits (1961), with Marilyn Monroe, Clark Gable, Montgomery Clift.*
* Black and white.

HTV
9.05 am, London. 10.00, Sesame Street. 11.00, Orbit. 11.30, The Rovers. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Cartoon. 5.30, London. 7.30, Hawaii Five O. 8.30, London. 9.45, Film: Psycho 69, with Patricia Neal, Curt Jurgens, Samantha Eggar, Ian Bannen. 11.25, No. Honestly. 11.55, Massacre at Fort Phil Kearny. 12.45 am, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 7.00-7.30 pm, Sion a Sian. 11.25-12.15 am, Rugby. 12.15-12.45, No. Honestly.

WESTWARD
9.15 am, ATV. 9.40, Sesame Street. 10.40, Skippy. 11.05, Tarzan: Leopard on the Loose. 11.55, Gus Honeybun. 11.58, London. 5.20, Cartoon. 5.30, London. 7.30, Film: Modesty Blaise, with Dirk Bogarde. 9.30, ATV. 11.30, Drive-In. 11.55, Faith for Life.

ANGLIA
9.00 am, London. 9.55, Alphabet Soup. 10.20, Film: You Must Be Joking, with Michael Callan, Lionel Jeffries, Wilfrid Hyde-White.* 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Cartoon. 5.30, London. 7.30, Film: A Fine Madness, with Sean Connery, Joanne Woodward. 9.30, ATV. 11.30, Streets of San Francisco. 12.25 am, At the End of the Day.

LONDON WEEKEND
9.00 am, Angling. 9.25, All in a Day's Work. 9.45, Saturday Scene. 9.50, Batman. 10.20, London Bridge. 10.50, Junior Police Five. 11.05, Tarzan: Alex the Great. 12.00, 45. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Sports Special. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Seven: 1.30, Lingfield; 1.45, Catterick; 2.00, Lingfield; 2.15, Catterick; 2.30, Lingfield; 2.45, Catterick; 3.00, Lingfield. 3.10, Ice Skating: British Figure Skating Championships. 3.50, Results, Scores, News. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.
5.10 News.
5.20 Woody Woodpecker.
5.30 New Faces.
6.30 Candid Camera.
7.00 Sale of the Century.
7.30 Kung Fu.
8.30 Upstairs, Downstairs.
9.30 News.
9.45 Film: Anatomy of a Murder (1959), with James Stewart, Lee Remick.*
12.40 am, Faith in a Changing World.

ATV
9.15 am, Angling Today. 9.45, All in a Day's Work. 10.10, Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Cartoon. 5.25, Candid Camera. 6.00, Sale of the Century. 6.30, New Faces. 7.30, Film: The Long Duel with Yul Brynner, Trevor Howard. 9.30, News. 9.45, Upstairs, Downstairs. 10.45, Aquarius. 11.30-12.55 am, Name of the Game.

SOUTHERN
9.15 am, ATV. 10.10, Martial Arts. 10.35, The Amazing Chan. 11.00, Weather. 11.05, Dusty's Trail. 11.30, Edgar Briggs. 12.00, Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 9.45, Film: Whatever Happened to Baby Jane? with Joan Crawford, Bette Davis.* 12.10 am, Southern News. 12.15, The Protectors. 12.40, Weather. Guideline.

GRANADA
9.15 am, ATY. 10.05, Cartoon. 10.15, Film: Jack Lemmon in The Wackiest Ship in the Army. 12.00, London. 5.15, Candid Camera. 5.50, New Faces. 6.50, Film: Ian Hendry in Journey to the Far Side of the Sun. 8.35, McCloud. 9.30, ATV. 10.45, Russell Harty. 11.30-1.15 am, Film: Arlene Dahl in Wicked as They Come.*

Radio

1
5.00 am, News, Bruce Wyndham.† 8.03, Racing Bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Stuart Henry. 12.00, Rosko. 2.00 pm, All American Heroes.† 3.00, Alan Freeman.† 5.00, David Simmons.† 6.30, In Concert.† 7.30, Top Tunes.† 8.30, Radio Orchestra.† 10.02, Alan Black.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Ray Moore. 2.00, News.

2
5.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Charlie Chester.† 12.02 pm, Ella. 1.02, The Gag-Crackers' Ball. 1.30-5.55, Sport. 1500m only, including Football League Special; Racing at Cheltenham; Cricket, MCC Tour; Sporting Chance; and Sport Report. 6.03, Band. 6.30, Let's Go Latin. 7.02, Frankie Howerd. 7.30, Radio 1. 10.02, Europe 74: Yugoslavia.† 10.45, Ray Moore. 12-12.02 am, Radio 1.
† Stereo.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Offenbach, Waldteufel, Pierné.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Record Review.† 10.15, Stereo Release: Couperin, Reger, Grieg.† 11.20, The Young Idea.† 12.20 pm, Concert: Mozart, Strauss.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, The Positive World. 1.20, Concert: Part 2: Ravel, Honegger.† 2.00, Man of Action: Michael Holroyd.† 3.20, Look Back at Summer.† 4.10, Eric Hughes, Tchaikovsky, Handel, arr Baines, James, Langley, Francaix.† 5.10, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.55, Critics' Forum. 6.40, The Positive World. 6.55, Faust: Opera by Gounod, Acts 1 and 2.† 7.50, Poems. 8.10, Faust, Act 3.† 9.05, The Panther and the Jaguar. H. G. Wells and Dame Rebecca West. 9.25, Faust, Acts 4 and 5.† 10.30, The Heron Leaves the Tree: Story of some of Byron's Scottish ancestors. 11.15, Franz Schmidt.† 11.56-12.00, News.

4
6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.50, Outlook. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Outlook. 7.50, Travel News. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.30, Sportsdesk. 8.40, Today's Papers. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 8.55, Liberal Party political broadcast. 9.00, News. 9.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 9.30, The Week in Westminster. 10.00, News. 10.02, The Weekly World. 10.15, Service. 10.30, Pick of the Week. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Top of the Form. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, Woman's Hour. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Commercial Break. 4.00, News. 4.02, 4th Dimension. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Robert Robinson. 7.00, News. 7.02, Desert Island Discs. 7.30, Richard Baker. 8.30, Play: A Place in the Country. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, A Word in Edgeways. 11.0, Prayers. 11.15-11.36, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore waters forecast.

BBC Radio London, local and national news, entertainment, sport, music, 94.9 VHF, 206 M.
London Broadcasting, 24-hour news and information station. 97.3 VHF, 417 M.
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Radio

Past and present

R. C. Scriven has had more to put up with than most of us: deaf since the age of eight, orphaned soon after, blind since before he was forty. Yet he is one of those rare radio playwrights who can compose words into dialogue which is not only in itself beautiful to hear, but possesses the same power to evoke things seen as, say, Dylan Thomas's *Fern Hill*. Like that poem, though in a slightly lower key it communicates a rhapsodic quality. More remarkably it is almost entirely devoid of bitterness, self-pity or any of the negative feelings a man with Mr Scriven's experience might be excused for expressing. In the memory of things past and lost for ever it somehow manages to convey a real enjoyment of the present. Let me then welcome the publication of five of these splendid scripts under the title of one of the most distinguished of them, *The Seasons of the Blind* (BBC Publications, £3.50). They will assuredly provide a reminder or a sample of what their author can do.

However, as with any good dramatic writing, there is more here than can be read: acted, the lines take on an incandescence and this you may have heard last Saturday when "Afternoon Theatre" put on another play not included in the book. *A Measure of Sliding Sand* took its title from Swinburne, dismissive of attempts to grapple with the meaning of existence as no more than "a measure of sliding sand from under the feet of years"—a judgment, a cynical conceit Mr Scriven would call it, which he opposes with every word he writes. Specifically he opposes it with memory: "A man's second birth comes when he discovers a clue to his identity—a clue called memory". You might of course object that memory is all this writer has and beggars can't be choosers, yet the assertion touches on an old notion, one that still stirs some sleeping seed within the human consciousness: that man has forgotten who or what he is and it is the business of his life to remember it.

Stephen Murray spoke the Narrator's part as he has done in earlier Scriven plays. It is hard to imagine a voice, a perception more perfectly attuned to its text. Charles Lefeaux, who has produced the published plays and introduces them, came out of his retirement to take charge of this. He, too, understands this kind of work profoundly and sets it in a kind of magic ring of sound, carefully orchestrated, exact in its tempo.

I think if I were banished by Roy Plomley to some desert isle and could take some tapes instead of records, then copies of *The Seasons of the Blind* and its companions would be among them. I do not think that I would want to take the plays of Susan Hill. Yet I suspect that in the ranks of some kind of prestige or consequence many people would set Scriven at the foot of Hill. For one thing she is quite often to be found in the Elysium of Radio 3; he does not graduate out of Radio 4 and although on the upper floors of Broadcasting House, I might be assured that this is absolutely not to be taken as implying any kind of judgment as to worth, I would feel obliged—courteously but deliberately—to reach for a pinch of salt.

Mr Scriven after all is a bit of a romantic; if you wanted to insult him with compliments you would describe his work as "life-enhancing". He remarks quite often on the essential loneliness of human beings, but it doesn't seem unduly to depress him. In brief, he is short on apparent anguish and despair and this, I suggest, in the current cold climate of opinion, is a rather severe shortcoming. It is tantamount to saying that a man and his work are not properly serious. In similar fashion, so I am told, the Italia Prize jury were somewhat affronted when faced with Derek Raby's *Tiger*, unable to accept that a play so cheerful could have anything to say.

Did it exist, then I believe that the pocket compendium for the dark 1970s would be a slim volume entitled *Every Man His Own Psychopath*, and I cannot help feeling that Miss Hill's new play, *Strip Jack Naked*, has that flavour—of pessimism, if you like—which will recommend itself to a view of life the opposite of Mr Scriven's and which, by some accident or quirk of fashion, we rate as more profound. Like everything she does, of course, the play is sensitively and skilfully put together and it got some very good acting from Ian Richardson (who is scaling down at last to radio), Sian Phillips and Dinsdale Landen under the direction of Richard Wortley. In fairness it must be said that the play closes on something like a note of optimism: James, three years a recluse in the care of his brother-in-law, lives in a grey room overshadowed by a barrow where the sun never seems to penetrate; in the garden the only roses are chill white. His wife has had a breakdown and she, more or less recovered, visits him—unwittingly compelling him to attempt a step (literal and metaphorical) away from his retreat. He falls, but he has tried: "I must paint the roses", he resolves—echoing the gardeners in *Alice* presumably and, like them, to save himself.

You might hold then that James has made a crucial change, the first step in a journey of a million miles. He takes it, however, from at or near the bottom of a pit so deep and dark that I have difficulty comprehending it; the upshot is that, where I believe Mr Scriven, I don't believe Miss Hill in the least. Mind you, there's the limitation of experience: I have never been in such a pit—or not to any depth. At the same time there is probably some saying on the lines of "What does the mole know of the lark's flight?" As I write I have not yet heard Miss Hill reading her own story, *Mr Proudham and Mr Sleight*. Word eating may be on the menu. On Monday next look out for *The Marriage of Freedom and Fate*, Michael Mason's new extravaganza. A huge attempt, more notable for its reach than for its grasp, I think. But more anon.

David Wade

Sunday

Something really turns up today. Arthur Lowe joins the already compulsive David Copperfield as Mr Micawber (BBC1 5.10). Omnibus presents a David Mercer writer-in-two-societies play (BBC1 10.5). A village prepares for Christmas (BBC1 6.15). The Brothers garage thei serial until 1975 (BBC1 7.25).—L.B.

BBC 1
9.00 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 9.35, Reportage. 10.00, Kontakte. 10.30, Service from Pantygwydr Baptist Church, Uplands, Swansea. 11.35, Vital Statistics.* 12.00, Use Your Head. 12.25 pm, The experimenters. 12.50, Farming. 1.15, Made in Britain. 1.25, Gardening. 1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Ragtime. 2.10, Film: Dead End (1937), with Sylvia Sidney, Joel McCrea, Humphrey Bogart.* 3.40, The Great War.* 4.20, Alias Smith and Jones. 5.10, David Copperfield.
6.05 News.
6.15 Away in a Village.
6.50 Songs of Praise.
7.25 The Brothers.
8.15 Film: Hell in the Pacific (1969), with Lee Marvin, Toshiro Mifune.
9.55 News.
10.05 Omnibus: Find Me.
11.25 Chataway with the Decision-makers: Robert O. Anderson, chairman, Atlantic Richfield Company.
11.55 Weather.
* Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1):
BBC WALES.—2.10-2.35 pm, Ask the Family. 2.35-3.00, Tomorrow's World. 3.00-3.50, Rugby: Wales B v France B highlights. 3.50-4.20, Sykes. 6.15-6.35, A Change of Ground. 6.35-6.45, Yn Y Dechreuad. 6.45-7.25, Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 11.57, News of Wales. SCOTLAND.—12.25-12.50 pm, Gardening. 1.25-1.50, The Chiel Amang Us. 6.15-6.50, Search for God. 11.57, Scottish News Headlines. NORTHERN IRELAND.—11.57 pm, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

YORKSHIRE
10.00 am, London. 11.30, ATV. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Farming. 1.40, Calendar Sunday. 2.10, Football Special. 3.05, Griff. 4.00, London. 8.20, Film. David Janssen and Keenan Wynn in Hijack. 9.45-12.00, London.

BORDER
9 30 am, Play Guitar. 10.00, London. 11.30, Angling. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Border Diary. 1.15, Farming. 1.45, Thrillseekers. 2.10, Football. 3.05, London. 8.20, Film. The Deadly Hunt, with Tony Franciosa, Peter Lawford, Anjanette Comer. 9.45-12.00, London.

GRAMPIAN
11.00 am, London. 11.25, Play Guitar. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Farming. 1.40, Scotsport. 3.10, Dangerman. 4.00, London. 6.15, Advent. 6.35, London. 8.20, Film. The Deadly Dream, with Lloyd Bridges, Janet Leigh. 9.45, London. 12.00, Prayers.

TYNE TEES
9.35 am, Yoga for Health. 10.00, London. 11.00, Angling. 11.30, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Farming. 1.40, Skiing with Gina. 2.05, Where the Jobs Are. 2.10, Shoot. 3.00, Jason King. 4.00, London. 8.20, Film. Hi-Jack, with David Janssen, Keenan Wynn. 9.45, London. 12.00, Choir.

SCOTTISH
11.00 am, London. 11.30, Play Guitar. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Farming. 1.40, Scotsport. 3.10, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 4.00, London. 5.20, Without a Song . . . 5.35, The Amazing Chan. 6.05, London. 6.35, Together in Faith. 7.00, London. 7.55, Hec Ramsey. 9.45, London. 12.00, Late Call.

ULSTER
11.00 am, London. 11.30, ATV. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, UFO. 2.00, London. 3.00, Tarzan. 4.00, London. 8.20, Sports Results. 8.23, Film. Say Goodbye, Maggie Cole, with Susan Hayward, Darren McGavin. 9.45-12.00, London.

BBC2
12.40-1.05 pm, Open University: Open Forum.* 3.40, Westminster. 4.10, Money Programme. 4.55, Book Programme. 5.25, Horizon: The Mystery of Bird Navigation.
6.15 News Review.
6.45 The New Beginning.
6.55 More Ways Than One.
7.25 The World About Us: 3,900 Million and One.
8.15 A Day with Dana.
8.45 Daniel Barenboim with English Chamber Orchestra: Mozart, Schubert.
9.45 Notorious Woman: Part 6, Sonata.
10.35 The End of the Pier Show.
11.00 News.
11.05 Open Door: Design Action, Design and Industries Association.
11.50-11.55, Robert Hardy reads Mending Wall, by Robert Frost.

HTV
9.30 am, Skiing with Gina. 10.00, London. 11.00, The Splendour Falls. 11.30, The Addams Family.* 12.00, London. 10.05, Farming. 1.30, 45. 2.00, London. 3.00, University Challenge. 3.30, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 4.00, London. 8.20, Film: Vince Edwards, Judy Geeson and Peter Vaughan in Hammerhead. 10.15, London 12.00, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES. As HTV except: 6.35-7.00, Llusern.

WESTWARD
9.30 am, All in a Day's Work. 10.00, London. 11.25, Gus Honeybun Show. 11.35, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Farm and Country News. 1.30, Acres for Profit. 2.00, London. 3.10, Film: The Great Missouri Raid. 4.40, ATV. 6.05, London. 8.20, Film: Playmates, with Alan Alda, Connie Stevens. 9.45, London. 11.55, Talking Point.

ANGLIA
9.05 am, Yoga for Health. 9.30, Preludes. 10.00, London. 11.30, Skippy. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Police Surgeon. 1.35, Weather. 1.40, Farming. 2.10, Football. 3.10, Marcus Welby MD. 4.00, London. 5.20, Cartoon. 5.35, Lassie. 6.05, London. 8.20, Film: Firehouse, with Michael Lerner. 9.45, London. 12.00, The Bible for Today.

LONDON WEEKEND
9.35 am, Tomfoolery. 10.00 Ser from St Agnes Church, Cotteri Birmingham. 11.00, Skiing Gina. 11.30, The Osmonds. 12 Weekend World. 1.10 pm, toons. 1.25, Joe 90. 2.00, The Match. 3.00, The Persuaders. 4 The Golden Shot. 4.50, Bl Arrow. 5.20, Aquarius: Oh Lo Wall, with Max Wall, Osborne.
6.05 News.
6.15 They Came to an Island
6.35 Women of the Bible.
7.00 Stars on Sunday.
7.25 Planet of the Apes.
8.20 Film: Checkpoint (19 with Anthony Steel, Sta Baker.
9.45 No, Honestly.
10.15 News.
10.30 Country Matters.
11.30 Cinema.
12.00 Police Surgeon.
12.30 Faith in a Changing Wor

ATV
9.00 am, Farming. 9.30, Citi Rights. 10.00, London. 11.30, Drin 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, The suaders. 2.10, Star Soccer. 3.10, F Cottage to Let, with Leslie Banks, tair Son, John Mills.* 4.40, The C en Shot. 5.35, Black Arrow. 6 London. 8.20, Film: Dr Cook's Gar with Bing Crosby, Frank Conv Bethal Leslie. 9.45-12.00, London.

SOUTHERN
10.00 am, London. 11.00, Weal 11.03, Farm Progress. 11.30, Sk with Gina. 12.00, London. 1.30 Arthur of the Britons. 2.00, Lon 3.00, Boney. 3.55, Southern N 4.00, London. 8.20, And Mother M Five. 8.50, Film: Isn't It Shocki with Alan Alda, Louise Lasser. 10 London. 12.00, Weather. Guideline

GRANADA
9.30 am, Drive In. 10.00, Lon 11.00, Alphabet Soup. 11.30, Sk with Gina. 12.00, London. 1.10 Cartoon. 1.15, Primus. 1.40, Wait Your Father Gets Home. 2.10, Foot 3.05, The Baron. 4.00, London. 8 Cool Million. 9.45, London. 12 12.30 am, Here Comes the Future.

Radio

1
6.55 am, New Day. 7.00, News. 7.03, Dudley Savage.† 8.03, Gospel Road. 8.32, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Paul Burnett. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, Dave Le Travis Request Show. 5.00, Freddie Starr's Top 12. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.00, Hudson Ford. 7.30, Max Jaffa.† 8.30, Sunday Half-hour.† 9.02, Best Tunes. 10.02, Sounds of Jazz.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Alan Dell. 2.00, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.55 am, Radio 1. 10.03, David Jacobs.† 11.30, People's Service. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 2.02, Frankie Howerd. 2.30, Ragtime to Rock 'n' Roll. 3.30, Teddy Johnson. 4.02, Charlie Chester.† 6.00, Radio 1. 7.02, The Gag-Crackers' Ball. 7.30, Radio 1. 10.02, Brass and Strings. 11.02, Alan Dell, 12.00-2.02 am. Radio 1.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Mozart and Handel.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Frans Bruggen.† 10.30, Music Weekly.† 11.15, The Ring from Bayreuth: Die Walküre, Act 1.† 12.20 pm, Words . . .: Chaim Raphael. 12.25, Amadeus String Quartet: Part 1, Mozart, Britten.† 1.20, Reading. 1.25, Quartets: Part 2, Beethoven.† 2.00, Die Walküre, Act 2.† 3.10, Talking About Music.† 3.40, Die Walküre, Act 3.† 5.15, Alfred Brendel: Schubert.† 6.15, Reith Lectures 1974: The New Liberty, by Ralf Dahrendorf. Part 4: On Difference. 6.45, Historic Performances on Record: Mozart.
7.20, Play: A Dream Journey, by James Hanley. Adapted from his novel. No Directions. 9.00, Charles Spi Bach, Stanley, Handel.† 9.40, Only Uncle of the Gifted Young: Madox Ford. 10.40, Shirley Ve (contralto): Brahms, Chausso 11.30, News. 11.35-12.30 am, So Interesting.†

4
7.15 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajh 7.45, Bells. 7.50, Reading. 7 Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sun Papers. 8.20, Sunday. 8.50, gramme news. 8.55, Weather. 9 News. 9.05, Sunday Papers. 9 Letter From America. 9.30, Archers. 10.30, Service from St Ma Church, Hampstead. 11.10, An Historic Churches Preservation Tr 11.15, Motoring and the Moto 11.45, From the Grass Roots: 061 2930. 12.15 pm, You and Yo 12.55, Weather.
1.00, The World This Weekend. 2 Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30, P French, without Tears. 4.00, Ne 4.02, Talking About Antiques. 4 The Living World. 5.00, In To 5.15, Down Your Way. 5.55, Weath 6.00, News. 6.15, If You Think Yo Got Problems . . .† 7.00, News. 7 Hancock's Half-Hour. 7.30, For Seasons. 8.00, Operatic Music. 9 News. 9.03, Far From the Mad Crowd. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, Ne 10.15, Plain Tales from the Raj. 11 Epilogue. 11.15-11.36, News.

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Critic's choice: records of the year

ght at the end of the year come an issue that must go the top of my list. That is set of Wolf's Mörike-Lieder m Fischer-Dieskau and niel Barenboim (DG 2740 . £6.50). To begin with, the gs themselves are an almost lless source of fascination l delight, texts and music ving into man's amorous, igious and humorous feels with a variety and sensity found nowhere else in the re. With all the experience his now-long career, Fischerskau searches to the heart every one of these wonderpieces, and seems to draw inspiration from his partS perceptive piano playing. complete my happiness, tsche Grammophon have orded the three-disc set with plete fidelity to voice and rument.

rom the same company es the new opera set of year in Böhm's masterly ount of Mozart's *Entfüh-g* (DGG 2740 102. £6.50). gives the work not just as a her form of *Singspiel* but something approaching edy where Constanze and monte are concerned, and added stature is achieved ugh Böhm impulsive thms and clear-cut control *etail*.

he fiftieth anniversary of ini's death has prompted a ber of issues of his operas. surpasses the reissue of *oème* as conducted by am (HMV SLS 896, £4.20). famous Beecham sleight-d is apparent throughout classic performance, and et has the Mimi of one's ms in Victoria De Los eles, frail, warm and infiy appealing. With Björling golden Rodolfo, what more one want? Stereo sound ll, that is virtually what is heard in Anthony Grifremastered version.

r my last choice, I go right to the start of the year set that has remained a nt source of joy ever Colin Davis's reading of *Damnation of Faust* ps 6703 042. £7.65). With y, Gedda and Jules Bastin the accomplished soloists, seems the most exciting in Davis's Berlioz cycle, d in every detail and allowthe listener to envisage his imaginative "production". dy stuff, indeed.

Alan Blyth

Christmas everyone likes a gain. The best I've encoun-d this year is a Tchaikovsky offering all six symphonies *Manfred* from the USSR nphony Orchestra under tlanov. The seven records n include attractive fill-ups Glinka, Liadov and Rimskysakov; they were top-price en issued singly in the 1960s, the tone still comes up arkably fresh (HMV Melo-SLS 881, £8.50). The aikovsky connoisseur may of rse prefer this or that movent from someone other: tlanov is not a specialder. But for anyone starting build a library, this box is exceptionally generous, reli-cornerstone.

t the keyboard I much ired Pollini's coupling of umann's Clara-inspired F p minor sonata and Fana in C, both for aristocratic tism and unadulterated musitruth (DG 2530 379. £2.70). sonata particularly benefits n his translucent texture and ge of tone-colour: this sort laying makes all the usual icisms of the work vanish thin air. Some artists suffer e patently with the comer in the Fantasia. Pollini olves the ache of loving and ing into pure beauty.

hough not normally a pianot addict, a two-disc album n Alfons and Aloys Kontarof the complete works of ussy and Ravel for four ds gave me great pleasure 2707 072. £5.40). Some of contents in fact make it a ector's piece. There is the movement of a projected phony from the 18-year-old ussy, and a surprisingly sucful arrangement (whether Ravel's or whose remains a point) of *L'Après-midi d'un e*. The playing is as fastid-as it is vivid.

illing the last place is always most difficult: at least a en claims are equally pressing. So why not a musicological curio for parties, Beethoven's violin concerto in the composer's own arrangement for piano and orchestra excellently played by Daniel Barenboim and the ECO (DG 2530 457. £2.70). This is the best version available of one of music's most fascinating mistakes.

Joan Chissell

Celebrating centenaries is like painting the Forth Bridge, but it has been good to see so much of Schoenberg, Ives and Holst in fresh paint this year. Nineteen seventy-five promises the same for Ravel; the Kontarsky brothers have pointed the way with a superb double album of duet and two-piano works by him and Debussy (DG 2707 072. £5.40). *Much of the music* is better known in orchestral guise, but there is no lack of colour and brilliance in these performances. Not the least of the Kontarskys' achievements is in distinguishing Ravel's flash from Debussy's shimmer; the composers are certainly revealed as less natural twins than the pianists.

Pierre Boulez, a rebellious descendant of Debussy's, emphasizes his family ties in his latest recording of *Le marteau sans maitre* (CBS 73213. £2.79). This is smoother and suaver than the earlier accounts on disc; the instrumentalists of Musique *Vivante show themselves* in full control and Yvonne Minton is the capable soloist. One may regret that the performance is not more granitic and relentless, but the new recording properly displays the piece as music, and not as an aberration of the avant-garde.

Composed at the same time as *Le marteau*, Babbitt's second string quartet has little else in common with Boulez's work. Its surface is unruffled and homogeneous, providing incidental pleasures as well as strong clues to the apprehension of the beauty of the whole. On the same disc (Nonesuch H-71280. £1.62), Ruth Crawford Seeger's string quartet of 1931 is a remarkable foretaste of the exhilarating sophistication of Babbitt, and Perle's fifth quartet combines such elegance with the more familiar charms of thirdy harmonies.

A recording of the Ockeghem *Missa pro defunctis* by Pro Cantione Antiqua under Bruno Turner (Archiv 2533 145. £2.70) is one of the outstanding releases of the current Renaissance renaissance. The small group of singers and instrumentalists avoid dramatizing the music; they maintain the flow of Ockeghem's strange, long melodies, and they intertwine sensitively in the magnificent duets. Nothing in the last 500 years equals the steadfast sombreness of the composer described in Josquin's elegy, also recorded here, as "le vray trésor de musicque".

Paul Griffiths

Alois Haba's opera *Matka* (Mother), composed in 1927-30, continues to exert an unusual kind of fascination. The composer's use of quarter-tones—in harmony as well as melody—derived not from theoretical considerations but from a study of his native Moravian folksong. The result is a vivid, sometimes disturbing, musical language which intensifies the moving story's dramatic impact. (Supraphon 50681-2. £3.20).

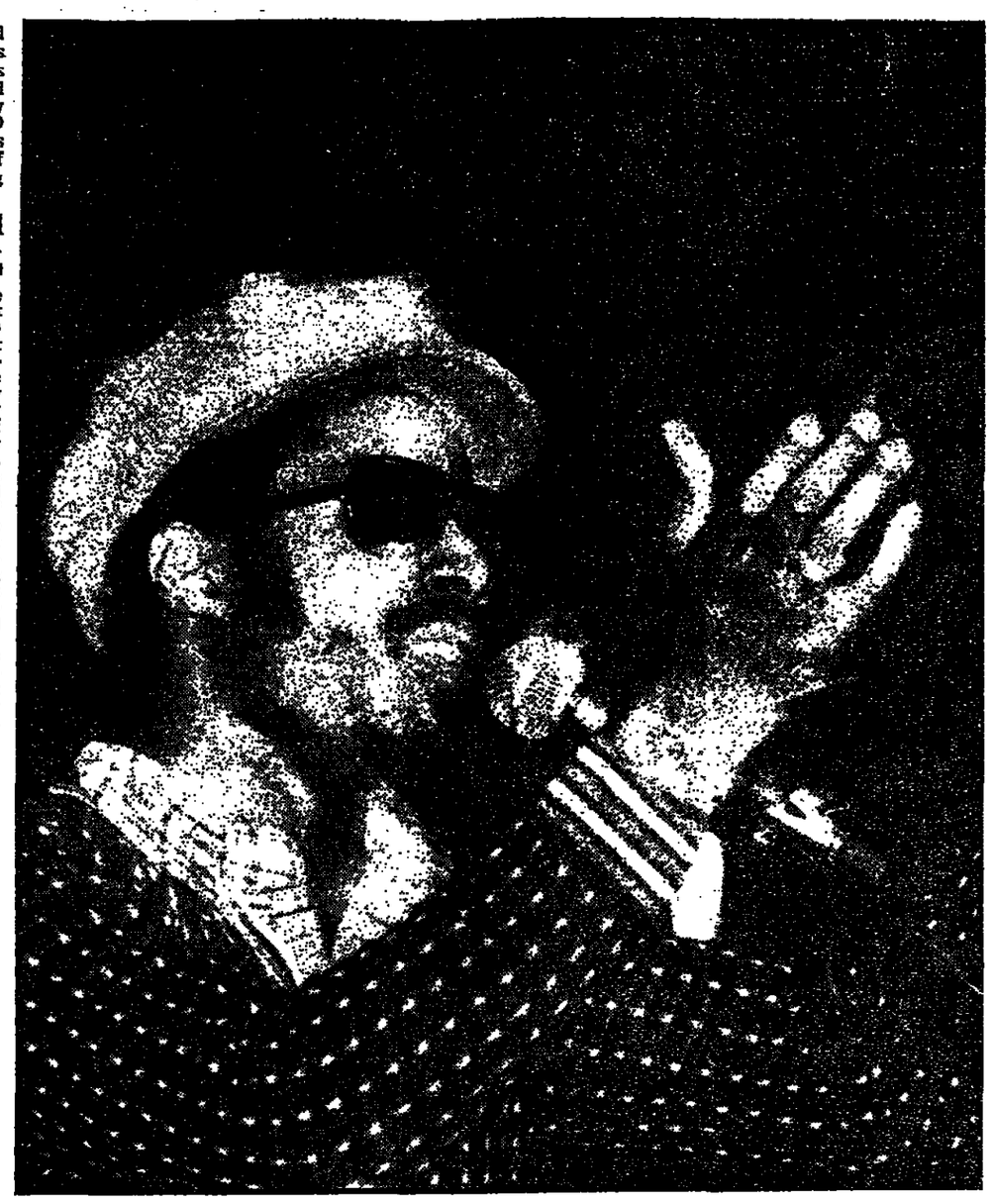
Maybe *Pierrot Lunaire* is equally problematical to some listeners, yet the local release—at last—of the recording Schoenberg made himself in 1942 gives us a reading that is uniquely authoritative and of permanent value. Erika Stiedry-Wagner, *who performed* this work many times with the composer, is very sensitive in the vocal part, which shifts constantly between speech and song. Instead of being too overtly expressionistic, like many later interpreters, she preserves an ironic detachment which proves most apt; and she does not obscure the highly detailed instrumental parts. (CBS 61442. £1.79).

Equally characteristic products of Old Vienna are Berg's String Quartet—a mature piece despite being numbered Op 3—and his great Lyric Suite. The LaSalle Quartet respond quite superbly to *the extremes of ex*pression the latter score, especially, requires in a recording that is clear yet warm (DG 2530 283. £2.70.).

Another twentieth-century masterpiece is Stravinsky's *Petroushka*—so long as the original 1911 version is used. Boulez and all departments of the New York Philharmonic play it so that every teeming detail of this tirelessly inventive score can be heard more clearly—in my experience, at least—than ever before. Paul Jacobs is particularly brilliant in the important piano part (CBS 73056. £2.79.).

Max Harrison

Nothing has given me more pleasure over the past months than to return to Beecham conducting opera. Perhaps the reissued *Bohème*, brought up sparkling and fresh by EMI's engineers, is too famous a set to be considered as one of the choices of the year. But no such obstacles stand in the way of the 1929 *Scenes from Faust* (Gounod, of course) with Heddle Nash as one of the most disarming scholars ever to have sold his soul to the devil. Beecham did not conduct all the tracks, but his imprint still is on the whole record. His spring and ease would have made all the difference in the pit to Covent Garden's current new production. (EMI HLM 7052. £1.50.)



Stevie Wonder and Karl Böhm.

Two complete opera sets this year stand head and shoulders above the ruck. Karajan's *Otello* (EMI SLS 975. £7.95) has come in for rough treatment, particularly in The States, with the couple of minor cuts he has made exaggerated into major amputations. Such enmity can only be put down to the strong feelings this particular conductor arouses, for here is an *Otello* of immense power and strength, superoly played by the Berlin Philharmonic and superbly recorded by EMI. The performances from Freni, Vickers and Glossop argue strongly in favour of keeping a team working together first on stage (in Salzburg) and then in the studio.

Karl Böhm, Karajan's Salzburg colleague and rival, takes the other vote for *Die Entführung* (DGG 2740 102 £6.50), crisp, dramatic and witty. The cast is a neat blend of experienced Mozart hands (Reri Grist and Peter Schreier) paired off with singers on their way up (Arleen Auger and Kurt Moll). The Dresden Staatskapelle proves once again that it is East Europe's best orchestra.

Finally, and far less grandly, Thomas Round's collection of *Victorian Ballads* (Pearl SHE 508. £2.44). Many more famous singers have tackled "Tom Bowling", "Oft in the Stilly Night", "Eily Mavourneen" and the other candelabra favourites, but Mr Round brings to them an ideal blend of sweetness and sadness coupled with that perfect diction he learnt from the D'Oyly Carte. Admirable nostalgic late night listening with the whisky decanter on the table.

John Higgins

At a time when most jazz musicians have to know as much about electrical engineering as about harmony, and most trend-setting records revolve in a galactic haze of electronic abstraction like so many film scores looking for an Oscar, I have found not altogether to my surprise that the three records which have clocked up most mileage between my shelf and turntable in 1974 are all of unadorned solo performances. So, resisting the temptation just to say "The entire works of Duke Ellington", I will nominate a guitarist and two pianists.

The guitarist is Joe Pass, and on his LP *Virtuoso* (Pablo 2310708, £2.46) all he does is play some of the best American songs ever written and lavish on them some of the most glowing harmony and ravishing technique ever heard from a guitar. It must be galling for a guitarist to play chords which, scored for a big band, would knock the listener over and still sound like a piece of velvet, but on this record Pass does so much else beside that he never gives you time to be soothed and drop off. It is a tribute from a vanishing guitar style to a departing golden age of song.

On *Stan Tracey Alone at Wigmore Hall* (Cadillac SGC 1003, £2.16) you can find Stan Tracey alone at the Wigmore Hall, in a concert recorded a few months ago. When I reviewed it at the time, I had no space to mention the startling effect of the vast bunch of peonies falling out of the vase on stage and swishing to the floor; otherwise I have nothing to add to what I said then about the hypnotic sound of our best British jazz musician improvising somewhere near his best. If his music proves that a modern pianist can still play alone without being diminished, Dick Wellstood's *From Ragtime On* (Chiaroscuro 109, £3.50) is a counterbalance to show that there is still rollicking life in pre-modern piano. If the names of Waller, James P. Johnson, or even Zez Confrey make you sit up, get it.

To offset all this solitary effort, I'd recommend *In The Townships* (Caroline C1504, £1.46) by Dudu Pukwana and Spear. The South African expatriates who have made their home here have usually gone all out for abstract collective music in which their origins have been more felt than heard, but on this LP Pukwana and his colleagues revel gloriously in the urban folk origins of their native land. The wild mix of compulsive rhythm, South African riff and jazz feel is raw, unacademic and coarse-grained, but by God it works.

Miles Kington

Verdi's ballet music is catching on at last. The new MacMillan production of the dances from *I vespri siciliani*, just announced by Covent Garden, will play in competition with the New London Ballet's enjoyable treatment of that same music. The more the merrier: this is music that cries out for dancing.

For home consumption, that and all the other ballets which Verdi wrote for Paris are on the two-disc Philips set (6747 093. £4.60). Antonio de Almeida clearly relishes the flow and brightness of the melodies, with the Monte Carlo Orchestra and the LSO.

Also from Paris of the same period came another outstanding ballet score which Richard Bonynge has recorded for Decca with the New Philharmonia: Delibes's *Sylvia* (SXL 6635/6. £5.10). "What charm, what elegance", Tchaikovsky wrote when he heard it. Bonynge brings out those qualities, also an underlying deeper seriousness.

A curiosity that will intrigue balletomanes is the Bolshoi Theatre Orchestra's recording of *Chopiniana* issued by HMV (ASD 2925. £2.65). The orchestrations are by Glazunov with some additions by Maurice Keller. The tunes are Chopin's, but the sound is often pure Glazunov: it throws a whole new light on *Les Sylphides*. For minority tastes perhaps, but historically fascinating.

The record I have played most often and with most enjoyment this year, however, is right off my professional beat. Carlo Bergonzi's disc of Neapolitan songs for Pye (NEL 2001. £2.70) takes a simple art and treats it with style and grace. The result is sheer delight. Please do not be put off by thoughts that the music is hackneyed or lowbrow. This is a great voice, greatly used, and is there really any higher pleasure than when exceptional talent reveals the perfection of simplicity?

John Percival

The year's opera set has got to be Mozart's *Entführung aus dem Serail* conducted by Karl Böhm (DG 2740 102, 3 records, £6.50, with the music of *Der Schauspieldirektor*). *Die Entführung* tends to be underrated as childish, though partly because of excessive difficulty for the singers. Karl Böhm allows the comedy to make all its point, but his reading is chiefly a winner because he treats Mozart's music quite seriously: it is a human drama, not a puppet show, and the masterly music is performed for all it is worth—as if it were another sort of *Figaro* (different class-structure, more frightening despotism).

For an instrumental box I plump for Tchaikovsky's string quartets, three of them plus the sextet *Souvenir de Florence*. The lyrical dream of the Andante Cantabile in the first quartet is more than matched in the prodigal invention and euphony, the compelling drama too, of the other quartets. They are most sympathetically and scrupulously examined by the Borodin Quartet (EMI SLS 889, £6.50). As in the famous symphonies, each quartet and each movement is distinctive, powerful, music for the rest of one's life; the third quartet, in particular, seems to communicate at a late Beethoven level. EMI have made this Russian recording sound both rich and intimate.

For lovers of song I recommend the Rachmaninov recital by Nicolai Gedda; it includes the favourites and reveals some new discoveries, never to be forgotten and, against expectation, the virtuoso solo pianist, Alexis Weissenberg, supports Gedda tactfully as well as strongly and sympathetically (EMI ASD 2928, £2.65).

Todd Rundgren has been producing distinguished pop records for some time. *Utopia* (Bearsville BR 6954, £2.69) bridges the gap between straight modern music and electronics and pop-rock most positively. *There is too much sequence and* perhaps too many electronic effects; but the album as a whole is rich in invention, very thoughtful yet entertaining, impeccably performed and engineered, of rare distinction at a time when near-pop music seems in the doldrums.

William Mann

Here in no particular order are my four choices:

Ozark Mountain Daredevils (A & M AMLH 64411, £2.60). *Electric bands who choose to* play in dialect seldom appreciate that their success depends, not how strongly but with what restraint that dialect is exercised. The Ozarks are a hillbilly ensemble, much given to instruments which appear to be played through the nose but given much more to shapely and disciplined Rock and Roll. Side one of this album—partly recorded in London—offers a sequence of unfaltering quality including "Country Girl" and "If You want to get to Heaven (You got to raise a little Hell)". Eleven musicians appear on the sleeve-photograph; not the least tribute one can pay is that they sound like four musicians.

Rock Your Baby: George McCrae (Jay Boy JSL3, £2.25). In a year which has witnessed the turgid horror of Barry White and the vacuous horror of Johnny Bristol, this voice was genuinely a refreshment. It is a voice of coquettish languor and astonishing breathcontrol, largely the creation of H. W. Casey and Richard Fitch, who composed all the songs and whose keyboard and drums come gently in pursuit. The title-song, in all, lasts for eight minutes 20 seconds. It remains none the less, just a little too short.

The Tain: Horslips (RCA Oats M005, £2.68). The second of three distinguished albums shows the Irish band at best advantage: their simplicity, virtuosity and taste for adventure. "The Tain" is the legend of a prize bull for possession of which the armies of Connacht and Ulster joined combat in 500 BC. It is celebrated with Uileann pipes and bodhran, and also with a deeply eloquent guitar which, at many pleasant moments, transforms the legend into a rodeo. The result must be counted an *authentic success among what* record-publicists love to refer to as "conceptual" albums.

Innervisions: Stevie Wonder (Tamla Motown STMA 8011, £2.75). "Talking Book" made it seem impossible that Stevie Wonder's music could ascend into a higher register of joy; then came "Innervisions". Plundered all year for hit-singles, marred by the senile adolescents of Capitol Radio, its lyricism remains inexhaustible; its inventions will sustain the shammers of Soul music for years to come. "Innervisions" was released in August, 1973. It is my selection as the best album in two years.

Philip Norman

Mozart has had a good year. He usually does, of course; but in 1974 it has been less in the operatic field than the instrumental one. The recording of his string quartets has been completed on nine discs (Philips 6747 097. £18.45) by the Italian Quartet. These are strongly felt, direct, unaffected performances, arguably with less surface polish and less sharp a response to events in the music than some others, but marked by an unequalied vigour and breadth.

The other important Mozart set this year has been the eight-disc recording by the Academy of St Martin in the Fields of the early symphonies (Philips 6747 099. £16.40): sensitive, pliable readings of works which shouldn't be played overseriously (as the existing Böhm recording with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra negatively demonstrates). Neville Marriner plays each work for what it is *and no more*: the slighter pieces are done with due high spirits, and the tender Andante melodies are always lovingly phrased.

Nineteen seventy-four has also been the year of "authentic" performances. Not long ago a performance on original or reconstructed instruments was a rare event; now half a dozen record companies produce them. Of the would-be authentic discs I have heard, perhaps the most convincing has been the Academy of Ancient Music's recording of eight Arne symphonies (L'Oiseau-Lyre Florilegium DSLO 503. £2.55), where the orchestra sounds more like what one conceives the real thing to have been than any other I have heard. And the music, if not profound, is confident, varied in style, and tuneful. Of more conventional recordings of Baroque music, I was much impressed by the set of Zelenka sonatas for oboes and continuo on Archive, with their quirky style and richly worked detail; but the choice should perhaps fall, rather, on something less eccentric—the St Martin's Academy recording of Corelli's 12 concerti grossi, music which long stood (and may still stand) as a model of formal and stylistic purity, and which is here played with the poise, the vitality and the warmth it merits (Argo ZRG 773-5. £7.65).

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The Inca enchantment

Cuzco, the old Inca capital high up in the Peruvian Andes, is not a place that many people will ever get to see. But it is worth a very special effort, not only for what is left there of the Inca civilization, but also for the churches and town houses of the Spanish colonial period, and the soaring beauty of the peaks and valleys of the Andes.

Cuzco itself still bears the mark of the conquistadores and their successors, who tore down most of the buildings of the Incas and built a Spanish city. But up above it are the ruins of the grim fortress of Sacsayhuaman, built by the Incas of huge blocks of black granite, carefully fitted together. And trips can be made to the many Inca sites in the area, including Machu Picchu, the "lost city of the Incas", discovered by Hiram Bingham in 1911.

My own visit to Cuzco began with a flight over the mountains from Lima—which should take less than an hour, but was delayed that day, airlines being what they are, by nearly three hours. I had been warned beforehand about the effects of the altitude and, sure enough, as soon as the plane landed I began to get a muzzy, faint feeling that comes from lack of oxygen.

Cuzco is some 11,600 feet up, and people who arrive there from the lowlands are faced with an important choice. Either they are sensible, in which case they go and lie down for some time when they arrive, and take things easy for some time after that; or else, like me, they are determined to see as much as they can as soon as they can, and risk suffering for it.

I did not feel particularly energetic when I started out to see Cuzco, and I thought I was walking reasonably slowly. But by the end of the day, when I had walked many of the streets of Cuzco, and had clambered over the stones of Sacsayhuaman, I was developing a nasty headache. It became worse during the night, and only left me the next morning after a taxi-driver, familiar with the phenomenon, had given me a special pill, called coramina glucosa. I have since heard that aspirin would have been just as good.

In any case, no great harm had been done, and Cuzco had cast its spell. It is a quiet and uncongested city which, apart from the tourists, seems hardly to belong to this century. It has paved streets, many of them extremely narrow, and some of them no more than flights of shallow steps which climb a slope between simple, white-washed houses.

Several of the streets are lined with walls that were originally built by the Incas and have been incorporated into the foundations of houses built later. These are the characteristic Inca walls, consisting of large, irregular blocks of granite that dovetail exactly into one another without a drop of cement, giving the impression of a giant jigsaw puzzle. They have stood for several centuries, and look certain to stand for several more.

The descendants of the Incas are, of course, still in Cuzco, too. They still speak *Quechua*, the language that the Incas made the lingua franca of their empire. Many of them come into Cuzco from the surrounding areas to take part in the street market along the Calle Santa Clara. The women squat on the pavement all day long, often wearing bowler hats or Homburgs, and carrying their youngest children in a shawl tied round their shoulders.

They have fruit and vegetables for sale, but also ponchos, shawls, blankets and much else, woven from alpaca and vicuña, as well as cheap mass-produced jewelry with Inca motifs. They cook little brochettes of meat and potato, which they sell for one and a half soles (1½p).

The centre of Cuzco, however, is the Plaza de Armas, a large and definitely Spanish square dominated by two superb ecclesiastical buildings, the cathedral and its one-time rival, the Jesuit church. Both have finely carved and proportioned façades in the sand-coloured stone of Cuzco, and they give the square the elegance of old Spain. In front of them are geometrically shaped gardens, and the rest of the square is lined with two-storey colonial buildings, with arcades at street level and balconies up above.

The Plaza de Armas is not the only square in Cuzco, nor are these the only churches. Cuzco is a city to be walked around—slowly—and then walked around again. Its churches and convents are of great external elegance, and often historically interesting, too. Inside, they have some extraordinarily rich altar-pieces, which reach from floor to ceiling in an elaborate combination of paintings, statues and different architectural devices, all glittering with gold.

Then there are the many secular town-houses, with the coats-of-arms of vanished families on their doorways. Many of these were built in Spanish colonial times, and used the strong Inca foundations. They look out on narrow Cuzco streets, and carry reminders of the tumultuous days of the conquest and the Spanish empire.

One of the best views of Cuzco is from Sacsayhuaman, which sprawls across a hill above the city. You can climb up to Sacsayhuaman on foot, but for those who have just arrived it is less painful to take a taxi and keep one's breath for the fortress itself. It is well worth the effort. Down below are spread out the roofs of Cuzco, with their rounded tiles, and in the middle of them, the green open space of the Plaza de Armas, with its two churches.

Out beyond Cuzco are the mountains, light brown in the sun, but shading into blue in the distance. The farthest ones are more jagged, and are still covered with snow. It is the sort of setting that gives the Andes their beauty.

Sacsayhuaman is a forceful reminder of the power of the Incas at their peak, before the arrival of Pizarro and his Spaniards. It is surrounded by three parallel granite walls, each of them zigzag shape and made of huge blocks, some of them more than 20 feet high. Like the walls down below in Cuzco, the blocks have been carved so that they fit together exactly, without any mortar between them.

These gigantic walls made a rather grim impression on me, so great was the contrast with the elegance and sophistication of the Spanish buildings down in Cuzco. As at Mycenae, I was more struck by the massiveness of the fortifications, and by the horrors probably carried out within them, than by any sense of artistic sensibility in the people who lived there. But they are certainly impressive.

Machu Picchu, which must have been equally impregnable, makes a less formidable impression. It is 70 miles away from Cuzco, and getting there is a whole day's expedition. The train leaves at seven o'clock in the morning, and takes about three and a half hours each way, assuming that there are no breakdowns. But it is an exhilarating trip, and the time passes by painlessly.

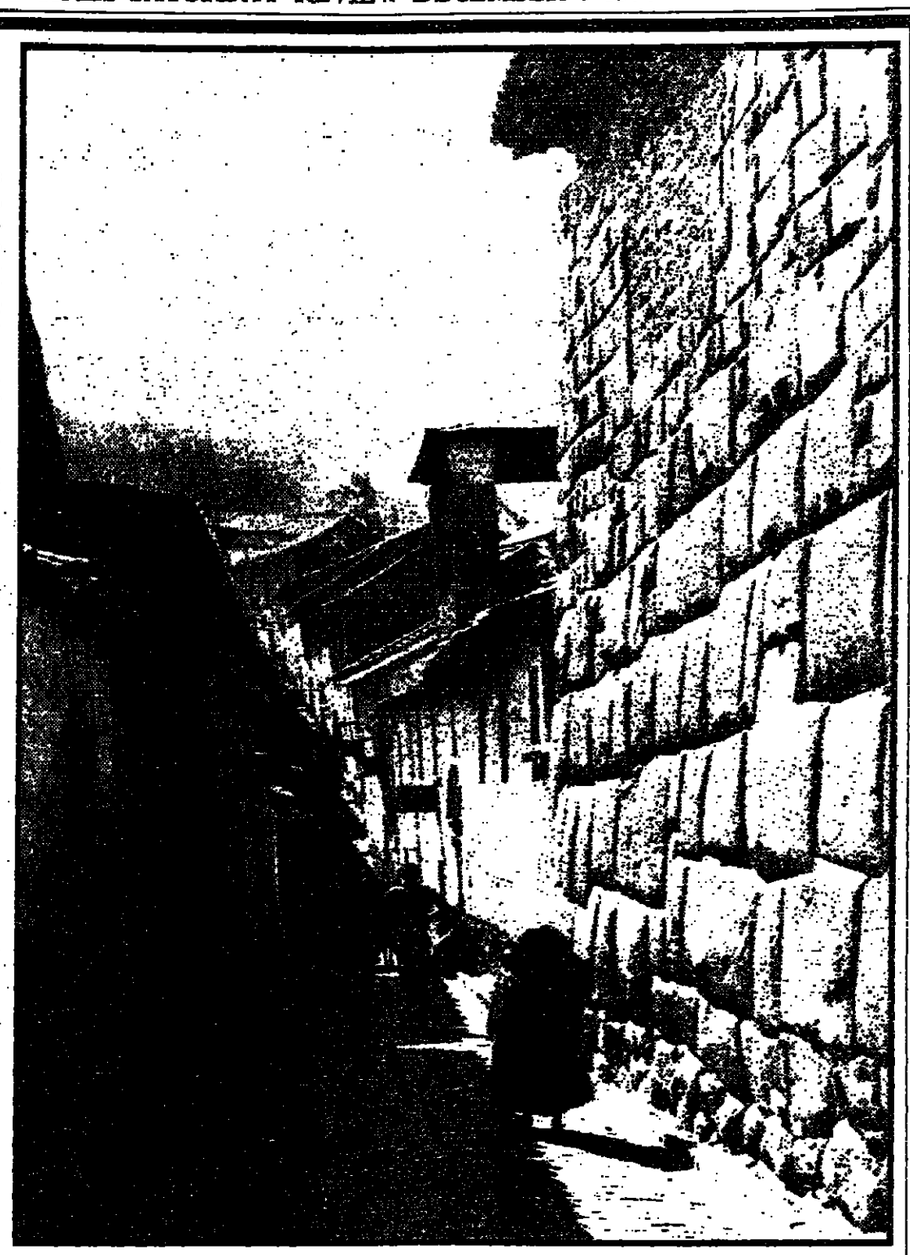
The train begins by zigzagging up the mountainside behind Cuzco to a height of 12,000 feet. It then meanders across some more or less level farmland before plunging down into the Urubamba valley, dominated by towering mountains. It stops at various wayside stations, and the local Indians turn out to sell tamales, bananas and even soup. No one is in a hurry, and the mountain views are stupendous.

By the time you reach Machu Picchu, you are much lower than you were in Cuzco, and the vegetation is beginning to be tropical. (The Urubamba eventually flows into the Amazon.) But then you get into a bus which takes you 2,000 feet up the sheer face of the mountain to the Inca ruins, perched on a saddle between two mountains, Machu Picchu and Huayna Picchu—one of the most spectacular settings imaginable.

Why the Incas decided to build a city on this site is not known. No one even knows what they called it. But they chose a site which is surrounded by mountain peaks and which has the cliff falling away below almost sheer on both sides. The whole setting is on a huge scale, with mountain-top ranged behind mountain-top, and it is really breathtaking.

How much you want to explore depends on the state of your lungs. There is a lot of climbing up and down to be done. By the time I got to Machu Picchu, my lungs seemed to be back to normal, and I spent a fascinating couple of hours climbing over the walls, staircases and terraces—all painstakingly built by the Incas, abandoned by them after the Spanish conquest, and rediscovered after an interval of three centuries. Then I had to take the train back to Cuzco.

Peter Strafford



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Antiques

A piece of Lucknow

Howard Ricketts was one of the young directors of Sotheby's who resigned from the firm when the board decided to lend the company's name to a brand of cigarettes. He never went back and he has never looked back. He now has an antique shop at 180 New Bond Street, not far from his old offices at Sotheby's. His main interests are *objets de vertu* and antique weapons; but until December 14 he is staging a show of old photographs.

Prices for early photographic material have vastly increased even in the last three years, and there is no reason to believe this tendency will change. At Sotheby's, Belgravia, last year, a photograph of Mrs Herbert Duckworth by the great Julia Margaret Cameron fetched £1,500; and Mr Ricketts also has a Cameron print of Mrs Duckworth, whose pale spiritual face so much resembled that of her relation, Virginia Woolf. Stereo daguerrotypes, which could be bought for £2 to £5 apiece two years ago, now command prices of between £100 and £500 each. The stereo daguerrotypes, which were viewed through luxurious apparatus such as the Brewster viewers named after Sir David Brewster, first became fashionable at the Great Exhibition of 1851, when Queen Victoria bought some. Mr Ricketts's catalogue includes a stereo daguerrotype of Hiram Powers's awful statue *The Greek Slave* from the Great Exhibition: this was the work criticized by the American magazine *Crayon* for its combination of female flesh and manacles. Another stereo daguerrotype offered by Mr Ricketts shows the transept of the Crystal Palace at Sydenham, showing Ostler's glass fountain.

The first item in the catalogue is one of the earliest daguerrotypes known—by M. de Saint Croix—a view of Rouen Cathedral dated 1839. It was probably one of the first daguerrotypes seen in England—in 1839 (the year photography was invented) for in that year Saint Croix came to London and gave lectures; he also took some views of London. The daguerrotype was a photograph on silvered copper; this was a "cul-de-sac" process, in that one couldn't take prints from it; it was a one-off.

By contrast, Mr Ricketts has several calotypes or "Talbotypes", made by William Henry Fox Talbot or his assistants from his original paper negatives, probably at his Reading Establishment. All were preserved at Lacock Abbey until 1921 when they were given by Matilda Fox Talbot to Herbert Lambert of Bath, in gratitude for his making, at her request, a selection of Fox Talbot's apparatus from Lacock for presentation to the Royal Photographic Society. These calotypes include a view of the old Hungerford Bridge in 1844 (it was pulled down in 1862 and the chains used in the Clifton Suspension Bridge). Another shows Trafalgar Square during the construction of Nelson's Column, circa 1834. The prices for these are between £250 and £1,000.

But the most important exhibit is an album of the Siege of Lucknow—193 salt prints of besieged members of the garrison and civilians. Or rather, half an album; for the first 72 photographs are preserved in the India Office photographic collection. The album was compiled just before the siege, was mainly annotated afterwards, and was presented by the compiler Trevor Wheler in March 1858 to W. H. Russell, the great war correspondent of *The Times*.

Lucknow, the capital of Oudh, was besieged during the revolt of the Bengal Native Army which led to the transference of government from the East India Company to the Crown in 1858. Many of the most promin figures who took part in defence of the Residency app in the album, including Thon Henry Kavanagh (No 122 in album), the first civilian VC, clerk in the Civil Offices bef the siege, he offered to go and guide the relieving fo under Sir Colin Campb through the city (then in ene hands) to the Residency. I guised as a native and acc panied by Captain Harding (119 in the album) and a nat spy, he succeeded in gett through the enemy lines; exploit described by Sir Co Campbell as "an impossi task, and one of the most dar feats ever attempted".

Our illustration shows one the three photographs in album of L. E. Ruutz Rees Calcutta merchant who wrot vivid account of the 10-mo siege in *A Personal Narrativ the Siege of Lucknow* (Lo man, 1858) in which many of figures illustrated in the alb are mentioned. The ex ordinary thing about Ru Rees's narrative is the ob tivity with which he writes. says that it was understand that the Lucknow people sho rebel: "We had done very li to deserve their love and m to merit their detestati Indian nobles had been thr out of employment; rapaci middlemen had been es lished; heavy taxes were posed; the tax on opium cau special discontent as mass w drawal symptoms superven and the Mohammedans in case thought it their duty to the infidel. At the same t he records with no compunc the fearful vengeance taken General Neill on the Moh medans and Brahmins who killed European women children in Cawnpore:

The prisoners . . . were m not only to clean the wh house, but forced to lick the blood, which, by throw water on it had been m liquid again: and after t had thus completely lost t caste, and were, in their opinions, no longer fit approach their gods a death, they were hanged, blown from the cann mouth.

M Deprat (No 101 in album) a close friend of Re formerly in the French army now a merchant in Luckn fortified his own house wit detachment of native po until it became untena when he withdrew to the R dency; he made over his st of provisions, including *saucissons au truffe* and hermetic sealed food, cigars and win the defenders and through the siege performed deeds "bootless boldness which n but a Frenchman or mad would think of. . . . "Co on", he would often shout in broken Hindustani; "Come ye cowardly sons of defi mothers! Are you men women?" And then the re "Cursed dog of an infide know thee! Thou are De the Frenchman, living near iron bridge. We'll yet get Be sure of this. Here go and a rifle ball would wh past his ears. Deprat killed in September.

Assuming that the album preserved in Lucknow thro out the siege, it must have regarded as a document some importance by its ow who included it among the possessions each survivor allowed to carry at the tim withdrawal from the Reside through the enemy lines, to safety of Sir Colin Campb protection. Mr Ricketts giving the India Office option on the album, so the hope that the two portions be joined again. What a c for an enterprising histo who by writing round the tures could re-create the s with visual as well as lite realism.

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L. E. Ruutz Rees, author of "The Siege of Lucknow" (1858 native dress: photograph by an unknown Lucknow photographer, taken just before the sieg

Gardening

Books for all seasons

It has always been difficult to assess the real worth of a book on a technical subject. We expect to pay a fairly high price for a monograph of a not very popular genus which can obviously only be expected to sell in very limited numbers. But we also understand that if large sums are to be invested in books of fairly general interest, and arrangements are made for overseas editions, large books lavishly illustrated in colour can be published at extremely reasonable prices.

Between these two extremes we have useful, workmanlike reference books which are not unreasonably expensive, and others which frankly are just not worth the money.

So it pays to shop around when looking for gardening books. And also, I fear we must now think in terms of books in the £3 to £7 bracket because you do not get much for £2 or less.

An interesting example of the massive book with lavish colour, and nearly a quarter of a million words, is Pan's latest offering *The Complete Indoor Gardener* edited by Michael Wright, at £2.95. It is 11½ by 8½ inches with more than 250 pages, and it includes over 600 full-colour and two-colour illustrations. It deals with growing plants indoors and in patios, on terraces, in tubs, window boxes and the like.

There are chapters on propagation, pests, diseases—in short, it is an excellent all round book on the subject written by a team of 14 writers. The price has been kept low by binding the book in plasticised paper covers—a practice which we may expect to see increase, and indeed we should welcome as one more weapon against inflation.

Set against this excellent value one wonders how Wildwood House Ltd can hope to sell for £1.75 "House Plants", a paperback book about the shape and size of a shorthand typist's notebook, with only just over 100 pages, no colour and a lot of black and white illustrations, many of them so overinked as to be almost unrecognizable.

Now let us look at some of the other new gardening books. We have *Trees for Smaller Gardens* by Roger Grounds (Dent £5.95). It has 12 colour plates, 20 black and white photographs, and four line drawings. The author has in mind gardens of a quarter of an acre or less. He gives advice on the cultivation of trees, and in the second part of the book he groups and describes trees in their various categories—fine foliage trees, conifers, berry trees and the like.

He has allowed himself a fairly wide interpretation of "a tree", and most of us would think of hamamelis, philadelphus, lilacs and the Mount Etna broom rather as shrubs. However, he deals with his subject enthusiastically and does impart, especially by means of very full tables, a great deal of useful information. As he rightly points out, it is not easy to find out the ultimate height and spread of trees, and this he does give in each case, although of course the soil and situation will greatly influence the ultimate size.

While the methods of growing roses do not change much with the years, new varieties appear, some would say, in too great numbers. Inevitably, and often to our dismay, excellent varieties cease to be offered by nurserymen, often for no other reason than that demand for them has fallen off. A revised edition of *Roses*, by Leonard Hollis (Hamlyn £3.50) tells you all you need to know to grow good roses. It has 60 colour plates, 115 reproductions of black and white photographs, and numerous line drawings.

It is not surprising that Mr Hollis does not mention growing ground covering plants among his roses; he is concerned only and always to produce top quality roses, and even in his chapter on labour saving in the rose garden he scorns to mention ground cover as a means of weed suppression.

I rather expected, however, that in *Cyril Fletcher's Gardening Book* (William Luscombe, £3.50) the author would have had some comment on this subject as he is an amateur gardener of wide interests and not, as far as one can gather, fanatically devoted to one kind of plant. But he does not mention it. This is a book that should appeal to everyone who has already taken his first faltering steps in gardening. It is full of enthusiasm and much wisdom, experience gained as most of us gain it, from trial and error.

You will warm to this book and its author because he freely admits his mistakes and tells about his failures. I wish more authors would do the same. In his final chapter he says "... the craft of comedy, apart from a few basic rules, is something you either have or you have not. I believe this to be true of all arts and the art of gardening is no exception."

I much enjoyed this book and I can think of many people who could learn a great deal and derive much pleasure from it. Of all the new books I have received so far, for the interested but not very knowledgeable gardener, I put this one at the top of my Christmas present list.

A book for any gardener, or even perhaps more acceptable to a plant lover who has no garden, is *Plants that Changed Our Gardens*, by Mea Allan (David & Charles £4.95). It is the result of much delving into history, and it reminds us of the enormous debt we owe to such great men of the past as the Tradescants, father and son, David Douglas, Joseph Hooker, Wilson and Farrer, who, through their voyages of exploration, sent home so many plants we now take for granted in our gardens.

This is a Book to pick up and enjoy at moments of leisure and, as with all books that deal with the "story behind the label", it gives us many a little anecdote to treasure about our plants and the men who brought them to our gardens. The inclusion of a chapter on Peter Barr in this company may seem a little strange. Yet he was known as the "father of the daffodil", and this account of his remarkable career is truly fascinating. This is another for your Christmas list—either for yourself or for a plant loving friend.

Two items now for the specialist—one is so specialized that I did not even know that there were people who specialized in the genus coleus. For those who want it at £3.50 there is this book *Coleus: A Guide to Cultivation and Identification*, by W. K. and R. Pedley (John Bartholomew & Son Ltd). The colour plates are good which is more than can be said for those (in my copy at least) of *Pelargoniums and Geraniums* by Henry J. Wood, £2.40 from the same publishers. This book of 141 pages, 6 by 5 inches, is described as a pocket guide. It may be of interest to geranium enthusiasts, but I would suggest you let any geranium loving friend buy it himself if he feels like it.

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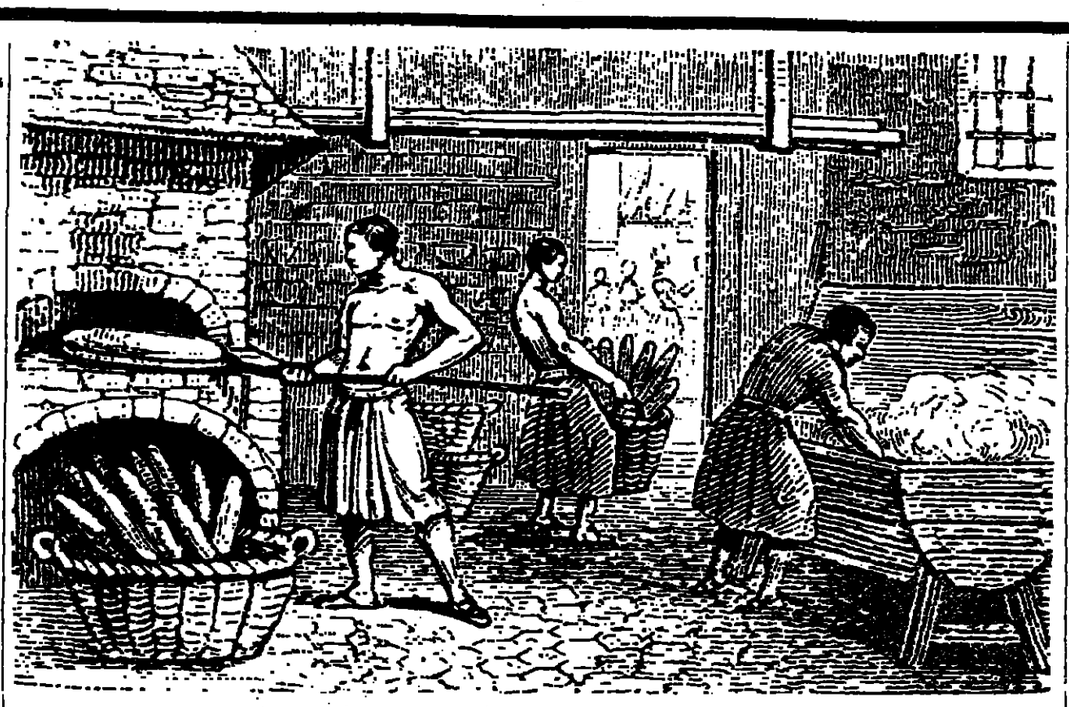

Flour of the nation

The shortage of bread will possibly serve to remind us that it does not pay to become too ignorant of the basic domestic crafts. Everyone should know how to bake bread, even if it is not done very often. There is tremendous satisfaction to be found in baking and the habit could be hard to give up. For yeast bread you should use a strong plain flour. It is not always easy to find, and even less so at the moment. You can use ordinary plain flour, but with 3fl oz—about 5 tablespoons—less water in the recipe, because general purpose flour does not absorb as much water as the special bread-making types.

Basic white bread dough

3lb strong plain flour;
1oz (or 2 level tablespoons) salt;
1oz lard or white vegetable fat;
1½ pints water;
1 teaspoon castor sugar or honey;
1 level tablespoon dried yeast.

Sift the flour and salt into a large mixing basin and rub in the fat. Dissolve the sugar or honey in ½ pint of the water—it should be 100 deg F or "hand hot". A drop on the wrist will feel hot, but will not burn. Sprinkle in the yeast and leave until frothy—takes about 10 minutes.

Stir the yeast liquid and the remaining warm water into the dry ingredients and mix to a rough dough in the basin. Turn the dough out on to a clean working surface. Knead and stretch the dough by folding towards you, then pushing down and away with the palm of the hand. Give the dough a quarter turn and repeat kneading. Continue for about 10 minutes—at first the dough will be sticky but as you work it will become very smooth.

Replace the dough in the mixing basin and set the whole thing inside a large plastic bag. This keeps in the warmth and moisture and is much better than the old-fashioned damp cloth cover. Leave the dough on the kitchen table until risen and doubled in size—takes about 1½ hours.

Turn the risen dough out on to a floured surface and press all over with the knuckles to knock out the air bubbles. Use the dough to make whichever kind of bread is the most practical. Much depends on whether you have any baking tins.

Tin loaves to bake in bread tins. Divide the dough into two portions. Shape each piece by rolling up like a Swiss roll and tucking the ends under. The finally moulded dough should exactly fit the tin. Place each piece in a well-greased 2lb loaf tin, that is the large size tin. Replace the plastic bag and set in a warm place until the dough reaches the rim of the tins. Bake in a hot oven (450 deg F or gas 8) for 45 minutes. For a crusty loaf, turn out of the tin and replace in the oven for a further five minutes. For a soft crust rub the loaf all over with a buttered paper when hot from the oven.

Round or cob loaves to bake if you have no tins. Divide the dough into four portions and shape each one into a round ball. Place in pairs on greased baking trays. Dust with flour, cover and put to rise until puffy. Bake at 450 deg F or gas 8 for 40 minutes.

Bread can be made using raising agents other than yeast. Admittedly they do not keep so well, but they taste good and serve the purpose. Soda bread is made with bicarbonate of soda and cream of tartar—both available from a chemist, or you can make an emergency loaf using self-raising flour.

Soda bread

1lb plain flour
1 level teaspoon salt
1 level teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
1 level teaspoon cream of tartar
1oz butter or lard
½ pint buttermilk or warm milk soured with 2-3 teaspoons lemon juice.

Sift the flour, salt, bicarbonate of soda and cream of tartar into a basin. Add the butter and rub into the dry ingredients. Make a well in the centre and pour in the milk. Then with a knife cut and fold to moisten all the mixture until a non-sticky ball of dough is formed.

Turn out on to a floured surface and knead for a moment to smooth the underside. Shape quickly into a round and pat out to about two inches thick. Place on a floured baking tray and with a sharp knife score across the top about three times.

Place in the centre of a hot oven (400 deg F or gas 6) and bake for 35-40 minutes or until well risen and brown.

Emergency loaf

1lb self raising flour
1 level teaspoon salt
½ pint milk

Sift the flour and salt into a mixing basin. Using a fork, stir in the milk and mix to a rough dough in the basin. Turn out on to a floured surface and knead for a moment to smooth the underside.

Shape quickly into a round and pat out to a thickness of not more than 1 inch. Place on a floured baking tray and with a sharp knife score across the top about three times. Bake in the centre of a moderately hot over (375 deg F or gas 5) for 30-35 minutes.

Wrap any bread airtight before you put it in the freezer. If you have a choice, use crusty bread *fresh* and freeze lightly baked tin loaves. Sliced bread freezes well in the wrapper. If you foil wrap your bread for freezing, it can be placed frozen in a hot oven (400 deg F or gas 6) for 45 minutes and it will taste like fresh baked. Crusty breads have a limited storage life in the freezer as the crusts begin to "shell off" after a week. Allow this kind of bread to thaw at room temperature and then place unwrapped in a hot oven (400 deg F or gas 6) for 5-10 minutes, or until the crust is crisp again.

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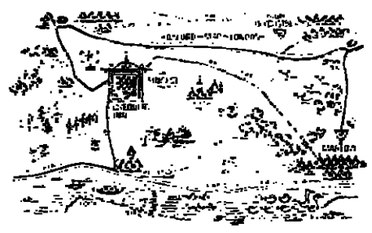

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George Hutchinson

Television is no substitute for a good political speech

With the rapid development of television in recent years a great many politicians have persuaded themselves that the day of the pamphleteer and of the major public speech is ending, if not over. To those of this mind the only thing that counts nowadays in the presentation of policy is their own or someone else's manner and appearance on television. It is a regrettable and foolish misconception, present in all parties but particularly prevalent among the Conservatives.

No one could sensibly deny the influence of television and its importance as one instrument of exposition. It is the newest force in the reporting and discussion of public affairs. But it has not obliterated the others, and is indeed heavily reliant upon them. New and old are all inter-related, interwoven. Like sound broadcasting, television does not exist in isolation, as a completely self-generating entity independent of other sources of information, comment and stimulation.

To think differently is to forget (among other things) the preparatory work of our best current affairs broadcasters. It is as if to say that they never listened to a speech, never read a book, a newspaper, a periodical, a political pamphlet. What a preposterous notion it is. They listen and read far more than most, absorbing both information and ideas, rejecting some, in due course reflecting others in their television (or radio) programmes. If they are among the best-informed, it is mainly because they read extensively.

While there is no scarcity of reading matter, we are short of good political speeches, however. They are becoming a rarity. The cause is not simply lack of capacity to make them—though that is one depressing reason. It stems as much as anything from the mistaken belief that public speeches are outmoded in the television era.

But a truly important political speech serves many purpose besides satisfying the audience to which it is immediately addressed. By definition, such a speech is directed to a much larger—a national—audience, and will reach that audience. Passages will be reproduced on television and radio, fuller accounts will appear in newspapers. The speech will become a subject of comment and discussion—sometimes prolonged—both in print and on the air.

It is astonishing that some of our elected representatives and their appointed advisers cannot see this. Their blindness may reflect a triviality of mind or even betray a certain arrogance, a disdain of the ordinary public who are unable—so they seem to suggest—to understand a well-reasoned political argument and can take in nothing more serious than a few glib advertising slogans on television. If there is any lack of insight, it is on the part of those who believe this.

I was discussing the tendency the other day with Mr Norman Collins. There could be no better witness. Norman Collins—novelist, former publisher, founder-architect of independent television, director of ATV and of ITN—is the brilliant embodiment of many gifts, not least of which is a quick political perception.

"The Tory Party", he was saying, "is at the moment virtually without a spokesman. It lacks the oratory of a Churchill, of a Macmillan, of a Hailsham (because he, alas, left the hustings for the Woolsack and is now, for the most part, a senior statesman rather than a party politician), and of an Iain Macleod. It is ironic that today the best Conservative speaker, Enoch Powell, now preaches not in the nave of the cathedral but from a somewhat wayside pulpit.

"It remains true, however, that what is said is more important than the manner of the delivery. Winston Churchill, the most memorable speaker of his age, earned his reputation as much by the newspaper reports of what he had said in the House (or elsewhere) as by the words actually heard by the public in his BBC broadcasts."

Mr Collins is stern if not severe in some of his criticisms. "A belief has grown up", he says, "that a public relations kind of identikit—the current vulgar word is 'image'—is what is required of a speaker in an effective television broadcast. The belief is without foundation.

"I do not, for example, doubt that Winston Churchill would have been as deeply impressive in television as he was in sound radio, even though when I suggested a television broadcast to him he declined, saying—and how wrong he was—'I am far too ugly'."

As Norman Collins sees it, "one of the strangest pieces of mismanagement concerns the present Tory leader. There is no one in the difficult field of the television interview better equipped than Mr Heath, or more immediate or more relevant or more direct in his replies. He also happens to be one of the most engagingly informal speakers when addressing comparatively small audiences. A good theatrical agent would have recognized him at once as a 'natural' for a solo broadcast. The fact has to be faced, however, that such a broadcast would have been without much merit unless there were one or two memorable passages, even perhaps one memorable phrase to linger in the mind.

"I have seen heartbroken subeditors trying desperately to prepare a Ted Heath speech for publication, ultimately to be defeated by the absence of a single trenchant paragraph."

Good policies are not enough in themselves. They need to be explained and expressed with candour, clarity and distinction of language if they are to be properly understood and accepted, let alone admired. That is half the art—perhaps more than half—of political leadership at every level, from council chamber to Cabinet room.

It cannot be accomplished without public speeches of quality. A television studio is no substitute for (let us say) the St George's Hall in Liverpool, scene of many an historic meeting: that is the right sort of platform—but it calls for the right speech, too. No one is asking for windy rhetoric, but we are entitled to expect that politicians will at least aspire to speeches of a class and calibre that might occasionally engage both heart and mind instead of dismissing them in favour of something that cannot take their place.

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The man who ended the uphill struggle of British skiers

Sportsview

British skiing has undergone a remarkable transformation within the past year or two. As though on a see-saw, the men's team has risen from the foothills to establish a base near the summit that is the envy of many opponents: the women, so recently the toast of the Alps, are in disarray with the retirement of Gina Hathorn and Divina Galica.

In less than a year the men have moved from a shoestring economy to one which encompasses a team of 11 (compared with four last year), amply provided with financial and logistic support.

One man stands at the centre of this revival, a 31-year-old former paratrooper, Robin Bailey. He is variously and misleadingly described as greengrocer and gambler. But he is not the sort of man who will weigh out his curly kale in the high street or blow out his brains in Carey Street. He is, in fact, a substantial shareholder and director of a thriving fruit and vegetable retail group and his gambling activities are based more on calculated risk and psychological appraisal than foolhardy speculation. He is shrewd, with a razor-sharp business brain, time on his hands and an interest in skiing—a man almost purpose-built to fill the role that has been vacant so long in the hierarchy of British men's skiing.

Almost alone, he has been responsible for a budget of £58,000 in addition to the £10,000 provided by the Sports Council—undreamed of riches for men who in the past have had to sponge on parents if they were to have any hope of an Olympic blazer. Now any skier can emerge from a succession of package tours, from the many artificial slopes now all over Britain and from the highlands of Scotland, and expect to find the wherewithal to reach his full potential.

Bailey has two regrets. There is a shortfall of £10,000 in income which he has arranged to be underwritten by an "industrial organization", which, he coyly explains, wishes to remain anonymous. He regards this as a failure on his part. And, without wishing to look a gift horse in the mouth, he is not enthusiastic about taking money from a benevolent government. It is an extension of his political philosophy that everyone should be expected to stand on his own two feet.

All this activity has mushroomed since the time last February when, in an emergency, he assumed caretake control of the British men's team. Encouraged by two unexpected results in the world championships at St. Moritz and the dedication of the young men involved and their Austrian trainer Dieter Bartsch, he took over the overall managership in March and sees himself in that position until after the 1980 Winter Olympics. The results that so galvanized him at St. Moritz were Konrad Bartelski's 15th place in the downhill and Peter Fuchs's 19th place.

If, to the uninitiated, these seem modest achievements, they far surpass anything we have been able to accomplish for a very long time. Bartelski and Fuchs, moreover, were the youngest skiers in the top 20, and Fuchs, almost withdrawn on the eve of the race, had to attack a demanding course with nine stitches newly inserted in his knee. As it was, they humiliated the whole French team—the team of Jean-Claude Killy and a triple Olympic victory at Grenoble in 1968. Bartelski is the son of an English mother and a Polish-born father. Fuchs has a Scottish mother and an Austrian father, now teaching on the White Lady of Cairngorm.

At various times Bailey described himself during our interview as a bit of an opportunist, a bit of a madman, and a bit of a perfectionist. In spite of his record at school he has a head for figures and, in summer at least, he will often be found at work on reports, dealing with peas or skis, bananas or ski bindings, at five or six in the morning.

His association with the National Ski Federation, too, is on a strictly business basis. Although, of course, he has no salary, he claims his expenses "because it's the only proper way to do it. If I were run over by a bus somebody else could take over without any personal financial commitment."

Bailey is a small man, only 5ft 7in, but if he is short on inches he is long on charm, as a succession of manufacturers of skis, bindings, boots and motor cars, to say nothing of Barclays Bank, will testify. I surrendered to it myself at St Moritz, when he introduced me to the bizarre situation there of British Leyland giving generous support for the Austrian team after cold-shouldering the British. An article in this newspaper evoked not only British Leyland wrath but also Chrysler (UK) sympathy, with the happy result that the team have been able to replace a loaned vehicle with two Sunbeam Avenger estate cars and a mobile workshop with equipment provided by Black and Decker. The slumming days are over.

Bailey went from prep school, where he was heavyweight boxing champion, to Harrow. There, he says, he was bone idle, not without some justification since the sum of his scholastic achievements was two O levels, in English and French. His gambling instinct, however, flourished and he remembers running a book at school.

A posting to Germany with the Irish Hussars introduced him to skiing, to the Austrian resort of Alpbach, and to the British orientated Alpbach Visitors Club. He became a regular holiday skier at Alpbach, where he became responsible for junior training and where, therefore, he was in the right position to help run the British junior championships held there last January, having already played a big part in securing Barclays Bank sponsorship.

In order to give the bank some publicity in exchange for their cash he arranged for part of the money to be diverted to senior awards. Then, taking stock of the whole situation, he realized it was incongruous and even immoral to encourage juniors to take up racing and then leave them to fend for themselves as seniors.

I do not know if he has yet tried charming the birds out of the trees but an incident at Crockford's suggests he might make a good fist of it. Seeing one player piling up winnings he remarked to a friend, at the right level for his voice to carry, that "One of those chips would do well for the British ski team". He was heard, and one of the chips, worth £1,000, tumbled towards him. "That's really very kind of you—are you sure?" After a nod of confirmation, the chip was safely pocketed, to be cashed in well before there was any fear of his benefactor (whose face he knows, but not his name) suffered a change of blackjack luck.

John Hennessy

The men who spearhead Britain's new skiing challenge. From left: Robin Bailey, Peter Fuchs, Konrad Bartelski and Dieter Bartsch.

Suppression turns a believer into a fanatic

We live now in a world where we must try to understand the fanatic. Who is he and what has happened to him? It is fanaticism that has bred most terrorists, though a few may simply be psychopathic. It is true of course that the majority of fanatics are not terrorists, but they may be said, in one sense or another, to be on their way, potentially brutal and dangerous if they seize power. We may not admire our politicians but they would be 10 times worse if they were fanatics. To understand the fanatic is also to understand why he should never be allowed any real political power.

What I take to be the common view of the fanatic seems to me quite wrong. He is assumed to be a man so supremely confident in his faith that he boils over at any challenge to it. He is nothing if not the passionate believer. He is often hysterically aggressive because he knows he is right, not like the rest of us who can be sceptical and dubious. None of our shilly-shallying for him. And so, faced with his passion and force, we often give in, to regret it afterwards. Yet I have felt strongly for some time now that this is all wrong, that we are the victims of a dangerous misreading of the mind and personality of the fanatic. As a man deeply rooted in a faith, he is a fraud.

Most of us have known people who really are deeply rooted in a faith, which may be religious or humanistic, based on a firm acceptance of reason in human affairs.

If we know such people we also know that they exist in an atmosphere very different from that of fanaticism. They never suggest an hysterical aggression. They are quietly confident and there is no boiling over. No challenge starts them shouting or plotting. They are not busy with propaganda all the time. They do not want to force anybody to join their ranks, to bully people into giving in. They are quite different *persons* from fanatics.

I believe that a man turns into a fanatic not by accepting something but by suppressing something. What he suppresses is a reasonable doubt about what he wants to accept. He is like a man who wants to have a wild night out and refuses to listen to any interior voice warning him against throwing his money away and ending with a bad hangover. The potential fanatic decides that it is no fun entertaining doubts when he could be a passionate believer, postive and aggressive, bellowing away with a herd. So he suppresses and then ignores the more reasonable side of himself.

This soon changes his personality. With his more reasonable self blacked out, he becomes a different kind of man. He is now impatient and intolerant. H sees people with another set o opinions as enemies. The link that bring people together i ordinary life must be broke The affection binding famil and friends is now anothe threat to passionate belief. B this time the fanatic is no long a whole person but only half person, with the more creati and fruitful side of personali missing.

With all this in mind it easy to see how a fanatic c become a terrorist, ruthless killing and maiming people wh have done him no harm. Bei only half a person he no long sees himself as a member of th whole human race. He has su pressed a natural fellow-feelin with that original doubt he su pressed. To him people who not share his own passiona belief have lost their humanit They are so much rubbish be cleared way. Even if he do not go to the length of usi bombs and guns, the fanatic longer respects other peopl feelings. He is ready and eag to exercise a steely authori when his time comes. The ide of liberty and tolerance belo to the half of him he has su pressed. So I know no examp of a government created fanatics that has not seemed testable to all civilized perso Moreover, what has gone lo beforehand to the fanatic is a notion of honourable and tru ful behaviour, so that he do not hesitate to cheat his dec associates and lie both to th and to the general public. owes no allegiance to anyth except the passionate belief, which he has sacrificed much of his real personality

If an example is wanted, us take Marxism, which is ma facturing fanatics far and wi It provides the perfect trap eager young people. It off a large sweeping doctri apparently mixed with comp sion, promising freedom at l and a better life for workers, so long toiling chains. It also offers some u ful cut-and-dried material discussion and debate. But the same time, except for totally inexperienced or im ciles, it provides the reasona doubt that has to be suppress For Marxism has failed to ke its promises. The old oppress may have vanished, but in th places Marxism has establish political tyrants and wh armies of bureacrats, heavy the backs of the workers. So reasonable doubt is there, either it must be accepted it must be suppressed. And i is suppressed, then anot fanatic is born, with the co sequences I have already su gested. How many of them a there now? Far too many.

J. B. Priestl

An island that may be as difficult to get off as it was to get on

Once upon a time there was a tiny, empty Indian Ocean island called Gan. It lay flat and silent amid the beauty of coral and blue lagoon, one of a long string of pearls running from north to south below India. Peace reigned there, except during the Second World War when the flying machines of the allies sometimes landed there on a makeshift airfield, and occasionally great ships dropped anchor there.

After the war Gan settled back once more into the heat of the Indian Ocean, an ignored southern outpost of the Maldive archipelago. Then, because India made difficulties about military overflying rights, someone in Whitehall reasoned that this postage stamp was just what Britain needed as a stepping stone—staging post is the official term—in the great, wide ocean to keep tenuous Commonwealth strands of communication to the Far East and Australasia alive and well.

Much argument then followed with the Maldive people. The dispute was over money and authority, and it was complicated by a quarrel between the people themselves on whose writ should run in the Addu atoll in which Gan lies.

A patriot named Mr Afif Didi set himself up in that southern atol, independently of central government in Malé farther north. The Prime Minister in Malé did not like this at all, and as he was also Minister of Home Affairs, External Affairs, Public Safety, Education, Finance, Trade, and Public Works in a Cabinet of five, his feelings could hardly be ignored.

In 1960 the arguments were almost settled. The Maldivian Government agreed to make a "gift" of the island to the British Government for 30 years, under certain terms, but another three years or more had to pass before the rebellious "United Suvadive Republic" in the south melted away.

Britain, who found the islanders very prickly negotiators, made a grant of £100,000 to the Maldive Government, and promised another grant of £850,000 for fisheries, communications, health and education spread over five years. The 30 years dated from 1956, when the first attempt had been made to find an agreement. At that time Britain was to pay rent of £2,000 a year for 100 years; but in 1960 a word "rent" was dropped.

In addition to this, by 1960 Britain had already put £4m into the runway and installations. Since then Britain has paid out various sums, and in the present financial year she agreed to another £500,000 over four years. Not only has Gan an airfield; it is also a relay point in Britain's defence communication network, a rescue coordination centre, and a meteorological station receiving satellite information and pictures.

Accommodation and offices and a hospital have been built for over 500 men of the RAF and some civilians, and, at one time, one lone member of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service. Married men have been without their families, but there has been plenty of swimming, sailing, fishing and other sport to keep the husbands and the bachelors occupied.

About 1,000 Maldivians have come daily in their boats from neighbouring islands to work, drawing wages that even six years ago totalled more than £200,000 a year. They and other islanders have also had treatment at the hospital when they needed it.

Altogether, a nice "gift" this island has been, and one that should have endured until 1986, another 12 years. As late as in 1965, when the Maldives became fully independent, Britain was "reassured" of her exclusive use of Gan and all its facilities until 1986. Now, of her own accord, she wants to hand it all back.

What will happen to that splendid runway which runs like a road from shore to shore, and all the attendant hutments, not forgetting the hospital and scientific installations? Are they to be left for the Russians? What thoughts run through the minds of the nearby inhabitants, who less than three years ago were visited by the Queen, the royal party bringing with them a quarter of a ton of second-hand school textbooks for distribution to help smooth away past ill-feeling? How do they react to having the imperial defence carpet pulled from under them?

The question, of course, is not Gan's alone; it applies wherever a large civilization suddenly leaves a small community. Aden has faced it, so has Singapore, and so one day will Malta, and probably Cyprus. But Aden—the port, not the hinterlan asked to be left alone, and, to a point, Singapore did, t Gan, however, has not, so as I know, even whispered Britain "Begone".

Plenty of thought was gi in the past to getting a foot in these outposts, but not mu is said about the anti-climax the sudden parting. One he only that in Gan's case, and doubt that of Mauritius, t the disengagement is to be " subject of negotiation".

If the negotiations on gett out are as slippery as they w on going in, Britain may s be there in 1980. Particula if it turns out that the sub ture stepping stone of Di Garcia, which is to be built well to the south at Ameri expense, cannot be a pivot movement and scientific in mation in the Indian Oc after all.

Jerome Camina

An example of land reclamation the rest of Britain could follow

The shortage of land in Britain—or, to use the more picturesque African phrase, "land hunger"—is once again a fashionable topic. Despite the present slump in construction, there is continuing pressure for more land to be released for building; pressure, too, on the green belts which got Mr Rippon, the former Secretary of State for the Environment, into a certain amount of hot water and has since persuaded his successor, Mr Crosland, to take a more positive attitude to restricting the growth of conurbations in the midlands and the north of England.

High food prices and soaring import bills have convinced many people that the answer is to expand domestic agriculture. Recreational demands are growing and national parks and other areas of outstanding natural beauty are being over-run by tourists. The conservationist lobby is fighting a losing battle against new road schemes. New towns and new suburban developments, including such things as hypermarkets, are encroaching persistently on "green field" space.

Yet still only grudging progress is being made on reclaiming the huge areas of derelict land which, besides disfiguring the landscape, are in their present state useless for development, agriculture or recreation. Such land is potentially immensely valuable since most of it lies close to major population centres, and its acquisition and reclamation are likely to involve minimal compensation and virtually no controversy. Some examples are the Lea Valley, where the Greater London Council and local boroughs are working, albeit slowly; Tameside in Lancashire, and the Don Valley east of Sheffield.

This week the Professional Institutions Council for Conservation published a report on land dereliction. It follows the publication last month of the latest in a succession of books on the subject, and anticipates the report of a government committee under Sir Roger Stevens which is expected early next year.

Most people tend to assume that derelict land is a legacy of the past, wished upon us by rapacious Victorian entrepreneurs who gave no thought to environmental issues and left us to clean up the mess. But, as Mr Wallwork shows, the amount of derelict land in England alone rose from 34,358 hectares in 1964 to 39,292 hectares in 1971—an increase of some 14 per cent, notwithstanding the fact that during the same period 6,000 hectares were reclaimed and put to productive use.

Before 1945 little attention was paid to reclamation, and government funding was seldom available. Since then there has been generally steady progress although, as earlier stated, not at a sufficient rate to balance the amount of land still being despoiled. Reclamation in England and Wales increased from 992 hectares in 1964 to 2,332 in 1971, and in Scotland from 32 hectares to something over 200. But there were sharp regional differences; the National Coal Board has found it politically expedient to restore certain areas, and in some cases has reaped a handsome dividend from opencast mining in the process. Around Stoke-on-Trent particular attention has been paid to reclaiming what was once described as the most devastated region in Britain.

But perhaps the most ambitious and interesting single reclamation project lies within the confines of Telford new town in Shropshire. Apart from Milton Keynes and the projected development in central Lancashire, the size and scope of which is still under debate, it is easily the largest of the new towns, covering an area of some 30 square miles and with a population target of 220,000 by the early 1990's. The present population of the various small towns in the area is less than 100,000.

Telford is interesting, partly because it is one of the few new towns not swallowing up large areas of valuable agricultural land. But the area itself is also fascinating because it is probably the oldest industrial region in Britain. Drive down the steep narrow road into the Severn Gorge and you are in the birthplace of the industrial revolution. In Coalbrookdale Abraham Darby first succeeded in smelting iron with coke instead of charcoal and later built his famous iron bridge a mile or two down river, where Telford himself built the first iron canal aqueduct and Trevithick the first railway locomotive.

Mr Emyr Thomas, general manager of Telford's development corporation, concedes that reclamation has not progressed as fast as he had hoped—an average of 108 acres in the past four years, compared with a target of 150 acres. Moreover the biggest task has yet to come; most of the northern area, which contains the worst dereliction and was only incorporated in 1968 when the name was changed from Dawley to Telford, has yet to be tackled.

But it is still, in relative terms, more than has been achieved anywhere else in Britain, and Mr Thomas has set his sights on 200 acres a year in the next decade. If he succeeds, he will have strengthened the case of those who argue that local councils have neither the will nor the resources to change the face of Britain for the better, and that only statutory corporations, with strong government backing, can hope to do the job.

John Young

*Kenneth L. Wallwork. *Derelict Land*. David & Charles. £6.75.

Soft hearts may bring King Constantine back to Greece

When visiting Greece in October I was told on all sides that King Constantine had no chance whatever of winning tomorrow's referendum. In the seven years since the king's disastrous counter-coup of December 1967, the monarchy, it was said, had lost its glamour. What the country wanted was unity and reconciliation within itself, in particular between the Greek people and the Army—but the monarchy, an imported anachronism, had been throughout, many believed, a focus of dissension rather than a unifying force. Had a vote been taken two months ago, it seemed that the only result must have been a heavy vote against King Constantine's return—with many apathetic abstentions.

Since then the conditions in which the vote will be taken have changed in several ways in the king's favour—although on any logical assessment he still can hardly win, and to judge from the bare figures of the parliamentary election of November 17 he has no chance. Then the anti-monarchist opposition parties between them polled 44.53 per cent of the total vote. It is true that the unexpectedly heavy vote for Mr Karamanlis's New Democracy Party, with 54.37 per cent, showed that there is in the country a strong trend towards conservatism. Greek conservatism has traditionally been based upon royalists, but it is likely that the vote on November 17 expressed basically the desire to play safe under trusted leadership. Mr Karamanlis has refused throughout to declare for or against the King, and many of his supporters are certainly not traditional royalists.

On a purely statistical basis it seems, therefore, that on November 17 a substantial majority of the electorate were against the king, but King Constantine would have a chance of winning now, if Mr Karamanlis had declared in favour of him since then.

Many Greeks have, therefore, been asking themselves what are Mr Karamanlis's real views about the monarchy. During his eight years as Prime Minister from 1956 to 1963 he had his differences with the palace and in particular a serious rift with the late King Paul in June 1963 when the king rejected his advice to postpone a state visit to London at a time when anti-Greek demonstrations were to be expected.

King Constantine, however, both in his television appeal to the Greek electorate, and in his subsequent news conferences in Britain, has emphasized with much sincerity that if he wins, he intends to return as a strictly constitutional head of state, scrupulously determined to avoid partiality or interference in political questions. Queen Frederika, the Queen Mother, against whom the accusations of political meddling were most bitter, has also wisely decided to remain abroad if King Constantine returns. It may well be, therefore, that Mr Karamanlis would now himself prefer the return of King Constantine rather than the subsequent election of a President.

Mr Karamanlis may argue that King Constantine would remain as much aloof from the political struggle as any president, and that an hereditary monarchy would be a better unifying and stabilizing element in the ultimate constitution than an elected presidency, which might become the catspaw of the political parties. Mr Karamanlis appears now to be aiming at a German rather than a de Gaulle-type democracy, with himself remaining Prime Minister; the main bulk of his supporters, both royalist and non-royalist, may decide to vote for the king, and, if so, on a statistical basis in the light of the parliamentary elections, the king could win with a narrow majority.

What at least is certain about Mr Karamanlis's attitude is that if he wishes King Constantine's return, he wishes this to come about through a genuinely popular vote, and not as part of the spin-off from his own present popularity. Royalists say that this is the real reason why Mr Karamanlis has insisted that the choice must be left to the people.

Prediction is difficult. The king's campaign has been short. Most of the politicians and the press are against the King, there is an unusually str element of emotion about choice. The king's televis broadcast of November 26 his first appearance to m Greeks in seven years. The tremely young man who understandably but perilou elated to win a Gold Medal yachting at the Rome Olym in 1960 and who later show foolhardiness rather than s city in his struggle with colonels has now been seen his mid-thirties as much ch ened and more experienced.

Probably King Constanti strongest card is his own pat longing to return to a resp sible job in a country which loves. He was able to end broadcast by reminding Gre that Greece is after all the l where his father is buried his children were born. Greeks are a generous peo and in this atmosphere man, in particular perhaps won voters who outnumber the n—will be sorry for the o exile who has not so far b able to return. Against this the elections a majority dem strated a hard-headed sophi cation in rejecting the er tional anti-Americanism Andreas Papandreou. If t take a hard-headed attitu again tomorrow (Sunday), king will lose, perhaps heav but his recent bearing helped his chances.

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RESCUE OPERATION

ritish Leyland's crisis is not uique. During the past few eeks the extent of the difficul- s facing the world's motor hicle manufacturers has been too obvious. In America the eat motor corporations have gun to yield to the pressures inflation and the oncoming ression. Chrysler has all but opped production until the New ear in order to clear massive ocks of unsold cars; General otors has cut back; so has Ford.

France the government has reed to put no less than 35m into the motor industry rtly to secure a merger between roen and Peugeot. In Germany lkswagen is in loss. In Italy it's problems are acute. In pan the motor car boom is er; retrenchment is the order the day.

Little wonder, then, that tain's only major motor vehicle ker is in a desperate plight, it is not only one of the allest of the world's major otor corporations but it also ks the government backing it competitors like Renault and lkswagen enjoy. Given the ancial position—and one can ume that the £50m of h which British Leyland had umulated at the end of its 72-73 period has gone, and r the company is moving comfortably near to its borrow- limits—the company had no ernative but to appeal to the vernment. In turn, Mr Benn no alternative but to act nediately. There is no doubt- the importance of British land to the industrial nomy of this country. It is largest overseas earner. It ploys almost 200,000 people rld-wide, about 160,000 of m in Britain. Their families, and those of the many hundreds of thousands of people employed by the companies supplying components to the corporation, depend wholly upon British Leyland staying in business.

How can the Government, advised by a team led by Sir Don Ryder, its new chief industrial adviser, ensure this in the long term? And what are the lessons which have been learnt?

When British Motor Holdings, all but bankrupt, was put together with Leyland in 1968 with the backing of the Labour Government of that time the philosophy was that in international business bigness was a necessary condition for a company to remain competitive. To a great extent this remains true. But, in the case of the newly created British Leyland in 1968, major businesses—Rover, which had just been integrated into Leyland, Jaguar, which had just become part of BMH, and the rambling mass-production Austin-Morris business of BMH—had to be quickly merged.

The unions, smarting from redundancy programmes in other industrial sectors, were in no mood for the sort of rationalization which one can see in retrospect was essential if British Leyland was ever going to be able to shake itself free from the financial burdens placed upon it at the outset. Moreover, the new group was faced with replacing an aging model range, with all the capital cost entailed, at a time when its European and Japanese competitors were already marketing stylish and advanced motor cars. Beset by successive labour problems and militancy as it moved to change outdated working and pay systems, and hampered by obsolescent plant and inadequate financial resources, British Leyland's shares wilted; its management became the butt of criticism.

When the company managed to produce reasonable figures, there was always a cloud over the following year. An uneasy relationship developed between the company and the City, a rift which is perhaps one of the most unfortunate aspects of this whole affair. Then of course there was the oil crisis and more recently serious industrial liquidity problems. British Leyland, financially stretched, immature and still wrestling to overcome the problems brought about by the 1968 merger, is one of the first victims.

By all accounts the current government strategy is that the state, in return for the cash aid it is now providing, should end up with an equity stake of perhaps 25 per cent in British Leyland. This could be a dangerous short-term expedient in the face of a really deep-seated problem. The question is how it is to be made possible, given the consequences of inflation on high overhead businesses that depend on marginal profit from high volume, to produce a proper financial return from making motor cars.

Manufacturers throughout the world will be seeking a way out of this trap, for one thing is sure, the public still wants motor cars. British Leyland's crisis is not going to be solved simply by the Government taking a stake or by committing millions of pounds of taxpayers' money to supporting the company. A thorough inquiry into the structure of the motor industry and its suppliers and its potential for the future is now needed. The serious consequences of a spatchcock arrangement at this stage are all too obvious.

UILT-IN CRIME

t can be shown that architec- affects human behaviour in way that can be ascertained controlled and if, in particu- it can be shown that a casual ociation exists between build- structures and criminality ng their inhabitants, the lications will be very wide. ousing is one of the largest most durable investments a society makes in its future. ew houses turn out to raise s in other fields, such as e prevention and medical , they are costing the nation e than is revealed by the sing budget alone. Con- sely, if houses can be built t reduce the burden on police, tors, social workers and ons they will pay for them- es as well as increasing the of human happiness.

he most active publicist for notion that architecture and e are related is Professor r Newman, who yesterday a paper to a conference on subject organized by the onal Association for the Care Resettlement of Offenders. tends to be accused of argu- that the correlation is so and direct that one need no further—just build the houses and crime will inish. In fact, he says nothing e sort. He admits in yester- s paper that in a recent New York study "social variables predicted crime, vandalism and vacancy rates more strongly than did the physical variables of the project's design".

However, he insists that the size and height of building projects and especially the degree of territorial definition (that is, the number of units sharing an entry) are important and that "dramatic predictions" are obtained when social and physical factors are put together. He producers a wealth of evidence, including studies of crime rates in different housing projects where the social structures were the same but the physical structures were different.

His work has now reached a point where it needs to be taken very seriously indeed, together with other work in the same field. Much of it is confirmed by simple observation. The problems of young families in high-rise blocks are already well documented, and there is plenty of other evidence that some modern housing developments built at enormous expense and with the best intentions are inhabited by people whose problems are fairly clearly related to the structures in which they live.

It is on the subtler structures of the human community and their influence on behaviour that more work needs to be done. Communities are fragile things at the best of times, and all the more so now that populations are more mobile. Clearly they flourish better in some surroundings than in others, and the greater the sense of community the less the rate of crime—or, as Professor Newman says, "the rate goes down as recognition of neighbours goes up".

Obviously there are so many variables in any community that precise predictions are difficult, and Professor Newman in his crusading zeal naturally concentrates more on some than on others. But none of this undermines the essence of what he has to say. He has valuable findings on matters such as the optimum size of communities, the right combination of private territory and safe communal space in which people can get to know each other, the need which people feel to control the space around them, and the implications of causing children to play in areas away from parental supervision.

The problem now is to put such findings to practical use in a sphere in which mistakes are extremely durable and expensive and the guidelines still uncertain. Fortunately, this approach to social organization is now common to other dis1ciplines such as criminology and anthropology. Together they are accumulating experience which ought to equip planners better to approach these problems.

ing for television

Mr J. D. Davis

It would seem that the arts are ning an early victim of *infla-* BBC *Panorama* put the position plainly and the prospect of ient support from either al or local government looks bleak.

r a long time it has seemed to to be absurd that television, draws so much upon the live and is provided to the public derisory cost, does very little invest in the source of so much artistic strength. As with so other things it is time we all t to pay a proper price for sion entertainment. Can any- ay that a family does not get ast 50p worth of value per from BBC and ITV.

en the TV licence fee is next sed it should be sufficient to a substantial element (not less 10 per cent) to be passed on e Arts Council to supplement ng Government aid. Similarly should be made on television tising revenue for distribution gh the Arts Council. If this res special legislation let it be ed immediately before irrepar- damage is done to a most us national asset.

faithfully,
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Tory leadership

Mrs A. M. Stewart-Wallace

n his article on Friday, Novem- 9, Mr Goodhart says the power ect a leader must stay with arty's MPs. It must, however, emembered that the present rvative representation in Par- nt comes mainly from the east of England and that any made by the present ers alone would have a very d geographical base. Scot- Wales and the Midlands would ly be represented. The ral college should surely le all adopted Conservative dates. If the Coservatives are to take office some of these and women will be MPs and loyalty to the leader will be

vever, as the very possibility eed for a change of leader is upon Mr Heath's supposed lack of electoral appeal, feelings and opinions at "grass root" level must be of crucial importance. It is, after all, upon Conservative voters in the constituencies that the fortunes of the party must ultimately depend. Therefore constituency opinion must be studied and *heeded*. Its representation in the electoral college by area chairmen would be a step in the right direction but very thorough soundings by MPs and adopted candidates are also essential.

"Grass root" opinion is, however, far from being ready for consultation. It is therefore to be hoped that the committee, under the respected chairmanship of Sir Alec, will take into consideration the need for very adequate time before any leadership election is held. In my view it may well take a full parliamentary session for an assessment to be made of leading parliamentary figures. Their performance, in the context of the present party and national situation, needs to be studied over a period which will allow their qualities to "emerge".

Any assessment must, of course, include a reassessment and possible confirmation of Mr Heath's leadership. Too hurried a decision by an electoral college with too narrow a base might result in a choice which would be electorally disastrous but with which the party would be stuck, for it could not have this whole unseemly wrangle again.

Yours, etc.,
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Ditching,
Sussex.

Fuel economies

From the Reverend W. B. Wilkinson

Sir, I was disappointed by Professor Wiseman's criticism (November 28) of economies in the use of telephones and lighting at a certain university.

In the room where I give a university extension lecture half the lights were removed during the three-day week. They have not been replaced because the level of illumination is quite adequate without them.

Last month I did a survey of my own home and have reduced the lighting from 1,700 watts to 915 watts by reducing the power of the bulbs in loos, landings, etc, and replacing the bulbs in the kitchen, dining area, and study by fluorescent tubes. The 40 watt tube in my study gives a far better light than the 100 watt bulb did—indeed, *I hardly ever use my desk lamp* now!

Electricity equals oil more or less. I wish that more were done to teach us to think of all forms of energy as *precious*. By better insulation and the avoiding of waste, we could do a lot towards solving the fuel crisis.

Yours sincerely,
WILF WILKINSON,
St Mary's Rectory,
Clifton,
Nottingham.

Farm productivity

From Mr C. R. S. Cooper

Sir, Your agricultural correspondent, Hugh Clayton, points out (report, November 25) that various groups are endeavouring to put pressure on livestock producers by advocating the diversion of resources such as land and cereals from the industry. The suggestion being that these resources could be used with advantage for alleviating world hunger.

Before politicans seize on these ideas it should be made abundantly clear to them that the high productivity of British farms stems from a delicately balanced interdependence of crops and livestock. A limited area of our agricultural land might sustain continuous arable cropping—the greater part can only produce satisfactory arable crops when alternated with grass, grazing animals and their residues. The remaining area is suitable only for the grazing animal. Any widespread attempt to farm without the "golden hoof" would result in a disastrous loss of fertility, and food production so reduced that Britain would be more dependent on imported feed than ever before.

The ban on the export of live cattle should serve as a warning to politicians of the danger of rushing legislation on an emotive issue, without awaiting the calm assessment of an independent inquiry, which found that the ban was without justification.

Yours faithfully,
C. R. S. COOPER,
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Benenden,
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Kent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Realities behind death sentences

From Mr Jeremy Hutchinson, QC

Sir, Those who advocate the return of judicial execution by hanging should face up to and answer a number of practical questions.

How many executioners and how many assistants are to be recruited and by what method? Who is to train them and where? (The efficiency of hanging as a method of execution depends upon the skill of the executioner: see Royal Commission Report: CMD 8932.) How are they to be paid: a fixed salary or by the job, and how much and by whom? Where are the scaffolds to be erected, and who is to maintain them? Who are to witness the executions: doctors, chaplains, under sheriffs, prison governors, prison officers, magistrates? Who is to certify death and if necessary administer the *coup de grâce*?

As terrorists normally work in groups, how is the problem of multiple executions to be solved? The Royal Commission was concerned over the problem of double executions, and recommended the employment of two executioners and two assistants at the same scaffold: it did not contemplate multiple executions.

Are persons likely to be recruited for these jobs today, and, much more importantly, should they be?

Are prison officers prepared to return to the daily 24-hour vigil in the condemned cell, to the pinioning, blindfolding, and accurate placing of the victim on the chalk marks on the trap? How many judges appointed since abolition would object to pronouncing sentence of death, and should they be permitted a conscientious objection?

Here lie some of the realities behind the current debate, they should not be swept under a carpet of emotion.

Yours faithfully,
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December 5.

From Mr A. V. Cottam

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Taylor, of Robins Orchard, should not be pusillanimous and should remember that fine maxim *Fiat justitia, ruat coelum*.

In deciding whether certain terrorists should pay with their lives for the most heinous crime, we should do so on the basis of what is right. If right, then we must face up to the consequences with resolution and thwart or punish any retribution that may be tried until these evil people can do no more harm.

It is incidentally by courage and resolution, as in Holland recently, that the tide is turning against hijackers and kidnappers for international political ends.

Yours faithfully,
A. V. COTTAM,
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Berkshire.

The other Irish

From Professor R. F. Leslie

Sir, The mindless Birmingham massacre and the swift legislation which has followed may create a dangerous climate of opinion. There is an uncivilized element in our society. The energies of the soccer hooligans, the racialist fringe groups and those misguided men, who once inscribed walls with the exhortation to "Bash a Paki", could easily be canalized into the harassment of our Irish fellow citizens with some measure, if not of public approval, at least of public indifference.

A powerful weapon against terrorism must be the confidence of the Irish community in the rest of us. I wish to express the hope that our Irish friends may be protected with the same vigour as terrorists will be pursued. In 1945 I had my wounds dressed under fire on the field of battle by a Catholic Irish sergeant from Waterford, who like many Irishmen was fighting a war in which he technically had no need to be involved. Not all Irishmen have fought against us and we should recognize this fact. I hope that greater authority may be given to my views when I say that I am descended from a staunchly Protestant Scots Presbyterian family.

Yours faithfully,
R. F. LESLIE,
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Mile End Road, E1.

Thee guilty man

From Mr Stephen Jessel

Sir, Mr David Jessel may, for all I know, have his faults—thought they would surely seem trivial when seen against the full majesty of his youthful talents as a broadcaster—but mispronouncing the word "the" on the Radio 4 programme *The World Tonight* on November 21 (or any other date) as alleged by Mr Levin (December 5) is not one of them. One possible reason is that he does not work for, or ever appear on, the programme.

Residual fraternal loyalties and a dim memory of the principles of natural justice force me to own up. The offence was mine and no less disgusting for being unintentional. Unnecessary lengthening of the vowel in "the" is as vile as, say, the over-use of long, rambling sentences which collapse under the weight of their own subordinate clauses into anacolouthon and aposiopesis.

As Mr Levin demands, the penitential garment is even now being ironed; the Trafalgar Square burnings will take place just as soon as the choir has rehearsed the sacrificial hymn—"Nearer, my God, to The".

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN JESSEL.
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From Mr Ray Moloney

Sir, With reference to Mr Levin's comment on "Mr Ray Molony" today: did not somebody once say something to the effect that it did not matter what was written about him so long as his name was spelt correctly?

It seems appropriate in view of all those extra "e's".

Yours faithfully,
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Raising money to pay clergy stipends

From Mr Anthony Lloyd, QC

Sir, The Reverend D. B. Webb asks (December 5) what practical steps are being taken by the Church of England to meet the financial plight of the clergy in a time of rapid inflation.

He is right in thinking that the Church Commissioners, through no fault of their own, cannot provide more than a small fraction of what will be needed next year to enable the clergy to maintain their standard of living. Nevertheless, like the Methodist Church Finance Department, they have recommended, through the Central Stipends Authority, an increase of about 14 per cent in the minimum stipend, so as to bring the lowest paid incumbents to £2,100 per annum net of working expenses.

We in our diocese cannot begin to find the large sum needed to meet this proposed increase out of our existing diocesan resources. Yet we believe the increase to be very necessary if the clergy are not to suffer undue hardship; and no doubt further increases will be necessary in succeeding years.

It seemed to us therefore that the only solution was to appeal direct to the laity. Accordingly we have asked each individual parish to make itself responsible for finding an additional £200 a year for its incumbent. It could perhaps have been done by adding a surcharge on the quota, which is the means whereby the diocese raises money from the parishes for diocesan purposes. But we thought it better, in the first instance at any rate, to ask the parishes to contribute direct, rather than through the diocese.

At the same time we are pressing ahead with an inquiry to see to what extent pastoral reorganization can help. But it is already clear that pastoral reorganization on its own cannot provide a complete solution.

I agree with Mr Webb's interesting point that asking the parishes to accept even partial responsibility for stipends may "alter a priest's relationship with his people, and affect the way the parish looks at itself and the diocese". Whether this would be a good thing or a bad thing I do not know. But at present I see no alternative.

Yours, etc,
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From the Rev P. F. D. Spargo

Sir, The cry from the Church Commissioners and the bishops that the man in the pew must give more in order to pay the clergy more makes many priests in urban areas despair.

In congregations where there are no professional people who understand the situation and can speak for the clergy, priests are in effect being told to go "cap in hand" and beg from their own congregations. The Commissioners make sure that their own salaries and pensions are more than adequate. The bishops, without any effort on their part, will receive a further £6 a week and the ordinary parish priest can look forward to £1 a week (from April next) or beg.

Clergy are not militant for the best of reasons but if all parish priests refused to pay the ever increasing quotas demanded by the Diocesan authorities there would be an immediate and fresh look at the whole unchristian situation.

Yours faithfully,
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From the Reverend Allan J. Bowers

Sir, I'm sure that the clergy of all denominations will have read with considerable interest the correspondence on clergy stipends. The Reverend D. B. Webb may be encouraged to learn that the Methodist Church Finance Department is recommending increases averaging 20 per cent for its ministers, but the very considerable strain placed on the Methodist Church in this country if the increases are approved by the Methodist Conference will mean that many circuits will be forced to drop a minister in order to pay for the increase in stipends. This will mean extra work for many ministers who are already overburdened, and in the areas of expansion and opportunity the work will suffer.

Since all denominations are facing difficulties at this time on the question of stipends and how to raise money to pay the clergy of this land, is it not time for careful consideration to be given to a Church tax and for the clergy to be paid by the state?

Yours sincerely,
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Unnecessary packaging

From Lord Brown

Sir, We are all well aware that many of the goods which we buy are contained in wrappings, packagings and boxes the purpose of which is frequently "cosmetic" rather than utilitarian. The material used in this unnecessary packaging has to be imported and this waste, therefore, adds its quota to our balance of payments deficit. The cost of this packaging is often a serious addition to the price at which goods are offered to the public.

Thus, the elimination of the more useless elements would be a contribution to the cure of inflation. Manufacturers are concerned about their low margins and their lack of cash flow. Elimination of this over-packaging might help them with these problems.

No doubt in due course, unless voluntary action is taken, Government regulations will emerge. They are bound to be difficult to draft, difficult to understand and still more difficult to enforce. The right way to deal with this problem is for every trade association to put this matter on their next agenda. I am sure that the bulk of our manufacturers at this juncture of our economic crisis, as individual companies, are only too anxious to make any available savings in cost. But many of them, I believe, will fear to do so lest such action on their part would reduce the appeal of their goods to the public below that of their competitors who failed to take such action. Clearly what is therefore needed is joint agreement to eliminate all non-utilitarian packaging.

Every time we purchase goods in retail shops, they are handed to us wrapped in paper or in paper bags. Many of these wrappings are not necessary for the convenience of the shopper. Nearly all of them are discarded and go to wastepaper or, worse, for burning on return home. Could not retail associations start a practice amongst their members of wrapping goods on request only? Surely action about these things is only commonsense at times like this.

Yours sincerely,
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December 2.

Phrasing leading articles

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Journalists

Sir, In your early editions of December 5 you report, under the side heading "Trimming leaders", Lord Hailsham as saying: "Already there are newspapers that have to phrase their leading articles so as not to offend fathers of chapels and, if they were compelled to belong to it, the NUJ."

I have written to Lord Hailsham telling him that I know of no evidence to support this assertion so far as it relates to the National Union of Journalists and inviting him to substantiate the remark or withdraw it.

Yours, etc,
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December 5.

Accident compensation

From Professor P. S. Atiyah

Sir, Mr Michael Ogden (November 22) criticizes Mr Sieghart's proposals for no-fault compensation for road accident victims on the ground that these do not extend to other injured or disabled people—and there is justice in this criticism. Even though Mr Sieghart puts forward his proposals (November 16) as an interim solution, they ought to be resisted.

By far the worst feature of our present compensation laws is that there are too many special cases in which compensation depends on the cause of the injuries. We have different legal and institutional arrangements for road accidents, industrial accidents, criminally caused injuries, fault cases and no-fault cases, social security benefits varying according to the cause of injuries, special rules for the thalidomide cases and others for pneumoconiosis cases.

Already we have lobby groups asking for new forms of compensation for groups disabled by this or that cause. To single out road accident victims now as the subject of a new no-fault scheme would inevitably set the pattern for other cases. Once enacted, it is very difficult to alter schemes of this kind, especially if that means taking away some rights, even though others may be conferred. The problems must be looked at as a whole, which is what the Royal Commission was set up to do.

Mr Ogden's own proposals, by comparison, are of miniscule proportions. He argues for a reversal of the burden of proof of fault in road accident cases, claiming that this has worked well in European countries. He is wrong. Some of the foremost critics of existing fault compensation systems come from France. And anyhow, this solution would only affect a handful of the thousands of road accident cases involved, and would totally ignore all those other victims for whom Mr Ogden rightly expresses concern.

The root problem is that Mr Ogden still thinks that abolition of the right to sue would, because of the cost, involve injured persons in getting much less than the courts would award as damages. This may have been true once, but inflation has destroyed the argument. In these days high capital awards of damages are *in the long run* less valuable than inflation-proofed periodical payments.

The truth of this is fully demonstrated in the recent Report of the Australian Committee of Inquiry into that country's National Rehabilitation and Compensation Scheme. Even though awards of damages are far higher there than here it is shown in this report that—even before the recent surge in inflation rates—the value of high awards was being gravely eroded in under ten years.

Now that we are getting biennial increases in social security benefits there is no doubt that the most valuable benefits—those under the Industrial Injuries Act—are in many cases more valuable than equivalent common law awards. Once the truth of this is realised, the case for total replacement of the right to sue by an improved social security system becomes overwhelming.

Yours sincerely,
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University of Warwick,
Coventry, Warwickshire.

Children in cars

From Mme Helen Moulin

Sir, Since 1973 in Luxembourg it has been compulsory for children under 10 to travel in the back of cars (Letters, November 19).

Yours faithfully,
HELENE MOULIN,
Langheck, Alzingen, Luxembourg.

Soviet prisoners of war

From General Sir Horatius Murray

Sir, The outburst of Alexander Solzhenitzen—"All Britons Guilty" is understandable. On the other hand it was impossible for the British people as a whole to appreciate exactly what the consequences of Yalta might be to the peoples of other countries. They were only too thankful that the war came to an end in 1945, after six years of National effort, where the overall contribution was very great in relation to its size.

There would appear to be little doubt that Roosevelt, Churchill, and Eden were completely outmanoeuvred by Stalin, who came away with everything he sought. The purpose of this letter is to suggest that our performance was disastrous, but that the army commanders could have done a great deal more than they did to make these political decisions far more realistic in human terms.

I was commanding the 6th Armoured Division in the general area of Villach, Klagenfurt, on up to the Löbl Pass. We captured a number of formations, including Cossacks, in May 1945, and then received orders that all Russian POWs were to be repatriated. I called a conference of the senior officers concerned, informed them of the orders I had received, but told them that I did not intend to give effect to them immediately, and that, in the meantime, they should consider their position and convey this to all ranks. We had remarkably few prisoners on our hands the following day. They melted into the hinterland with no difficulty at all.

The main point of this letter is that Nicholas Bethell in his book "The Last Secret" assumes that it is incumbent on all officers in the Army of whatever rank to accept without qualification or question, orders received from above, "theirs not to reason why" and all that sort of nonsense. Under such circumstances why have Generals at all?

The Legal and Political decisions are to do with the Politicians, but the translation of these decisions on the ground was for military commanders to decide, as the problem was to do with human beings and not bits of paper.

Yours sincerely,
H. MURRAY,
3 Duneaves,
Mount Park Road,
Harrow-on-the-Hill,
Middlesex.
December 4.

From Dr J. A. Guy

Sir, Count Tolstoy argues (November 30) that Nicholas Bethell's analysis of the decision to forcibly repatriate all Soviet citizens at the end of World War II is unfair to Eden. Unfortunately, Tolstoy's points do not bear much scrutiny. The British war archive has surely survived *in toto* except insofar as files have been destroyed (either accidentally or under statute), or have been subjected to a period of long closure.

The fact that no documents have survived which indicate that Stalin was ready to use Allied prisoners as hostages for the return of Soviet citizens to Russia *is* evidence that *Eden* did not contemplate this, since it is implausible to suggest that important British policy files which would demonstrate the irrefutable justification for an otherwise controversial policy should have been destroyed, lost without trace, or withheld when the remaining material was released to historians.

Although Tolstoy is correct in stating that General Ratov traded prisoners in this disreputable manner, it is quite clear from the Foreign Office archive that Eden knew nothing of such a threat during and after the decision to adopt the policy. When Eden speaks in the records of "the safety of our men", as he frequently does, he is explicitly referring to the desperate need for food, medical supplies and transport for British soldiers caught behind the lines in Eastern Europe.

In one telegram he takes "personal responsibility" for the welfare of British soldiers, and the aim was the essential one of persuading the Soviet authorities to treat British soldiers like human beings. Eden did have fears, and they were far from groundless; but, as circulated in the Foreign Office and laid before Churchill and the Cabinet, they never included the possibility that Allied prisoners would be held as hostages for the Cossacks and others. Nor could they have, for Eden believed both before and after Yalta that Stalin and Molotov could be trusted and would hold to their agreements.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. GUY,
43 Bury Road,
Stapleford,
Cambridge.
December 1.

Foxes not pests?

From Sir Richard Goodwin

Sir, The public will naturally suppose that the claim made by the League Against Cruel Sports (*The Times*, December 5) that "most farmers do not regard hunting as important in fox control", is based on questions put to farmers on that specific point.

Such is not the case. The survey, conducted for the League by National Opinion Polls Ltd, made no reference to hunting either in its questionnaire or in the covering letter. Yet some 18,000 foxes are killed annually by hunts. Nor did NOP disclose that the League was behind the survey. Farmers were told only that "a national survey of farmers is being conducted to gather information on foxes and their effect on the land".

Of the 3,000 farmers circulated only 900 replied. There are 299,270 farms in the United Kingdom (MAFF census 1973).

Thus, neither statistically, nor in proper frankness of approach, can this exercise, which was clearly designed by the League to serve its own purposes of propaganda, be given much credence.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD GOODWIN,
Secretary, British Field Sports Society,
26 Caxton Street, SW1.
December 6.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Dec 6: The Queen visited Havant and Southampton today.

Having been received upon arrival at Havant Railway Station by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (the Earl of Malmesbury), The Queen drove to visit the IBM Manufacturing Plant and Information Services Limited, was received by the Chairman, IBM, UK Ltd (the Earl of Cromer) and the Managing Director (Mr E. R. Nixon), and toured the Plant.

Her Majesty then travelled in the Royal Train to Southampton Central Station, was received by the Mayor (Councillor L. F. Coater), and left for the Civic Centre.

The Queen later honoured the Mayor and Councillors with Her presence at luncheon in the Guildhall Banqueting Room.

This afternoon, Her Majesty was received upon arrival at the Southampton Hospital Academic Wing by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Security (the Right Hon Barbara Castle, MP) and the Chairman of the Wessex Regional Health Authority (Colonel Sir Joseph Weld).

The Queen declared open the first major phase of the Southampton Teaching Hospital, unveiled a commemorative plaque and subsequently, escorted by the *Chairman of the Hampshire Area* Health Authority (Mr A. G. Asquith-Leeson), toured the Academic Wing.

The Lady Susan Hussey, Mr William Heseltine and the Lord Plunket were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Lord Rupert Nevill, arrived at Southampton Airport this evening in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Brussels.

Baroness Birk represented Mr Anthony Crosland, MP, at the memorial service for Lord Hailes held last Wednesday at St Margaret's, Westminster.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Allan Haynes Quartermaine will be held in the church of St Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, London, EC2, on December 19, 1974, at noon.

Birthdays today

Earl of Birkenhead, 67; Mr Donald Crichton-Miller, 68; Major-General R. E. Lloyd, 68; Sir John Neale, 84.
TOMORROW: Earl of Ancaster, 67; Lord Diplock, 67; Mr John Gordon, 84; Mr Maurice Green, 68; Sir Joseph Molony, QC, 67; Sir Arthur Rymill, 67; Sir John Storrar, 83; Sir Eric Weston, 82.

Army scholarships

The following have been awarded Army scholarships in the autumn competition:

R. L. S. Bolton, Millfield S; D. E. Bush, Wellington C; D. A. Cavenagh, Winchester; D. N. Challes, Hulsh's GS; C. C. M. Chitty, Clifton C; C. R. Clark, Felsted S; R. S. Combe, Plymstock Comp S; S. J. Denny, Brentwood; G. G. Faulkner, Radley; N. Grant-Thorold, Eton; P. M. Gibson, St John's C, Southsea; T. J. Guest, Leys S; I. R. G. Haines, St Edward's C, Liverpool; C. N. C. Hill, Wellington C; M. A. Hill, George Heriot's S.

P. F. A. Jennings, Austin Friars S, Carlisle; C. J. Lewis, Brighton C; J. E. B. Lockyer, Haileybury; P. G. Marriott, Gresham's; W. H. Moore, Ipswich S; R. H. Morgan, Merchant Taylor's S, Crosby; C. J. Plummer, Kingston GS; H. S. Pring, Watford GS; P. A. Russell, Woolwich C; N. Sharples, Priory S, Lewes; S. P. Shaw, Boxhill S; G. C. Simpson, Wellington C; D. G. O. Skinner, Wellington C; R. J. N. Stewart, Brentwood S; W. R. G. Tait, Edinburgh; D. A. Van Geeln, King Edward's S, Birmingham; R. J. Wallbridge, Hele's S, Exeter; M. E. Webb-Bowen, Haileybury; C. C. Westcott, Kingswood S, Bath; S. P. L. Whittaker, Tonbridge S; J. D. Wootton, Malvern C.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr David Holmes to be political editor of the BBC.

Mr Nicholas Harman to be director of information in the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Mr Eric Blott, deputy general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, to be industrial relations manager of the *Liverpool Daily Post and Echo*.

Mr Eric Anderson, headmaster of Abingdon School, to be headmaster of Shrewsbury School. Mr Donald Wright, present headmaster at Shrewsbury, to the Inspectorate of Schools.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr M. G. Barley and Mrs L. R. Melville
The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place between Michael Barley and Lavinia Melville, both of Hove, Sussex.

Mr M. L. W. Baylis and Miss S. E. Wadham
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Captain R. G. Baylis, OBE, Royal Navy, and Mrs Baylis, of Titchfield, Hampshire, and Sally, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. C. Wadham, of Catisfield, Hampshire.

Mr C. P. Beatson-Hird and Miss C. J. Davies
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Dr and Mrs John Beatson-Hird, of Weoley Hill, Birmingham, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Sir Michael and Lady Davies, of Lincoln's Inn, WC2, and Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Mr C. Burdon and Miss R. Bradley
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of the Rev E. and Mrs Burdon, of Coggeshall, Essex, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. A. Bradley, of Southport, Lancashire.

Mr B. Campbell and Miss A. Layton
The marriage between Bruce, only son of Mr and Mrs W. Campbell, of The Garrick, Leman Street, London, and Alice, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T. A. Layton, of Grindfield, Uckfield, Sussex, will take place on Friday, December 13, in Cape Town, South Africa.

Mr W. L. Colby III and Miss D. J. Hayward
The engagement is announced between Walter Luke Colby III, elder son of Mr and Mrs Walter L. Colby, Jr, of Winter Park, Florida, United States, and Deborah Jane Hayward, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter McLean Hayward, of Lagos, Nigeria.

Mr N. A. Field-Johnson and Miss S. K. Landale
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Major H. A. Field-Johnson and the late Mrs H. A. Field-Johnson, of Beaulieu, Hampshire, and Sarah, daughter of Brigadier C. A. Landale and the late Mrs C. A. Landale, of Mullens Pond, Weyhill, Hampshire.

Mr J. St J. Fleming-Coade and Miss S. A. Hawkins
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mrs Dorothy Fleming-Coade, of Orchard House, Maiden Bradley, Wiltshire, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. Hawkins, of Mascalls, Kings Road, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Mr J. G. A. Hoole and Miss L. G. Rushworth
The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Hoole, of The Old Vicarage, Hordle, Hampshire, and Lindsey, younger daughter of the late Mr W. R. Rushworth and Mrs N. S. Pemberton, of St Andrew's School, Bedford.

Mr J. Lees and Miss E. Blacket
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Lees, of Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, and Elisabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Blacket, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr E. Miraglia and Miss C. J. Marigold
The engagement is announced between Enzo, son of Signor and Signora Miraglia, of Milan, and Celia, younger daughter of Captain J. R. Marigold, Royal Navy, and Mrs Marigold, of Fareham, Hampshire. The marriage will take place in Sydney on December 21.

Mr W. F. Rendall and Miss L. I. Mappin
The engagement is announced between William Francis, son of Mrs Hugh Rendall, of Aylwins, Offham, Lewes, Sussex, and the late Mr H. A. Rendall, and Lucinda Isobel, youngest daughter of Mrs Desmond Mappin, of 1 St Michael's Old Rectory, Lewes, Sussex, and the late Lieutenant-Colonel D. H. Mappin.

Mr A. J. Sinclair and Dr M. E. A. Gillin
The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of Mr and Mrs F. P. Sinclair, of Chigwell, Essex, and Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. F. Gillin, of West Ryde, Sydney, Australia.

Mr C. J. Studdert and Miss I. J. Rose
The engagement is announced between Christopher John, eldest son of Dr and Mrs T. C. Studdert, of Crinkle Hill, Carlisle, and Inge Johanna, second daughter of Herr and Frau Rudolf Rose, of Burg, Dithmarschen, West Germany.

Latest wills

Mr Roger Hansell CASS, of Chilham, Kent, left £95,237 net (duty paid, £25,738). He left £1,000 each to St Mary's Church, Chilham, Dr Barnardo's, The Shaftesbury Society, Queen Elizabeth's Training College, Leatherhead, and the Royal National Institute for the Deaf.
Other estates include (net, before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):

Capon, Miss Ruby Florence Emily, of New Romney, Kent (duty paid, £24,245) £86,848
Smith, Mr Arthur Wedgwood Giffard, of Balcombe, Sussex, member of Lloyd's (duty paid, £20,011) £72,849
Bushby, Mr Geoffrey Campbell, of Churton, near Chester, cotton broker (duty paid, £38,514) £117,083
Howard, Mr James Norman, of Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear (duty paid, £152,630) .. £244,224

Augustine or Rousseau: Is man perfectible?

By Bishop F. R. Barry

We can be under no moral obligation to do what is not within our power to do. "You ought", as we commonly say, implies "You can". From this consideration springs a question which is examined in John Passmore's book *The Perfectibility of Man* (Duckworth, paperback: £1.95) to which I acknowledge my indebtedness both in this and my preceding article (November 30). How far is the imperative of perfection a valid criterion for human conduct?

We know pretty well what is meant by a perfect host, or a perfect chairman or a perfect chauffeur—one who fulfils superlatively well a certain specified role or function. But detectives can speak about a perfect murderer, and the perfect host may be beastly to his wife, and if so he would clearly not be a perfect man. Normally, when we speak of a good *man* we are referring to qualities of character; so a perfect *man* would be perfectly good morally. Is any such ideal within our reach? Can man be perfect even as God is perfect? Or has the whole idea been a will-of-the-wisp, so dazzling men with the mirage of absolutes as to blind them to relative improvements? Should we not stay within our human limits? That would be sensible humanist advice. But Christianity will not leave us alone. It torments us with its tale of a perfect man, through whom God is present in our humanity. The Greek Fathers constantly asserted that God became Man so that Man should be "deified"—or, in scriptural language, "partakers of the divine nature".

Jesus is for Christians the norm of perfect manhood. But his perfection is not a mere negative sinlessness. Yet if we ask what was its positive content, we have to recognize that he was not perfect in the sense of exhibiting or personifying all conceivable forms of human excellence, after the pattern of Renaissance humanism—there is much that was excluded from his experience. His was an absolute *quality of goodness and fidelity* to the will of God, but within those limiting human conditions which defined him as the particular man he was. Therefore the imitation of Christ, which all Christians accept *as their guiding principle*, cannot mean simply doing the things that he did. It must mean, in our manifold different activities, reproducing that absolute quality which (as Christians hold) is the self-disclosure of God in him. But can men "reproduce" the life of God?

When the Church called Greek philosophy to its aid, it took over the God of the philosophers—conceptualized, abstract and impersonal, *quintessential* Being, the One. And that gave the quest for perfection a changed bearing. For to imitate God, to become a god-like man, was now held to involve metaphysical as well as and—it sometimes seemed—rather than moral perfection. Under Platonic and Neoplatonic influences it came to mean a turning away from the world, from the active life towards the contemplative, a trend towards mortification and asceticism and—at worst—an immoral contempt for, and hatred of, the body as the sepulchre of the soul. In the search for being united with the Godhead, the love of neighbour too often got left out. In all this there was something rather "inhuman" and it seems strangely far from what we know about the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.

Moreover, it carried appalling moral dangers with it. There have always been sects on the fringes of Christendom for whom the claim to have achieved perfection, or to be completely possessed by the Spirit, became a claim to be above the moral law, or a justification of flagrant immoralities. The attempt *to become* God is paranoiac. But can we believe in human possibilities within any purely humanistic framework?

Since the Enlightenment and Locke and Rousseau, there has been a turning away from a vision at once so austere and so intoxicating, towards a more mundane and, increasingly, man-centred belief in perfectibility in terms of a social paradise on earth—a utopia which should be brought about by more education, more technology, more legislation by the state, or by social and biological engineering. But now that the Brave New World is round the corner we recoil in horror from what appears to be coming to us. Secular utopianism is bankrupt, and the current revulsion against Russian Communism, so recently hailed as the New Jerusalem, is a rediscovery of original sin.

Professor Passmore writes as a humanist. But, as he himself clearly recognizes, the Church can never surrender to "Pelagianism" (in effect, "I can be good if I try"). For if men can be independent of God at the crucial moment of ethical decision, may they not be also at other, or at all, moments? May not God be expendable altogether? Man, come of age, has been quick to seize *the point*. But what we need is not to be assured that it is enough to be decent godless people. What we need in our cynicism and despair is to be reminded of our heavenly calling. The Sermon on the Mount should be regarded not as legislation for any earthly state but as setting forth the way of the Kingdom of God—the challenge of unattainable Perfection. Lacking that, any system of morality will sink towards a *minimum conformity*. Without it, the Christian salt will lose its saltness, and the Church will then have forfeited the authority to criticize the prevalent cultural values.

What Christians *hope for* and what they are promised is not that men can make themselves perfect, but that through the life-giving Spirit they may be "growing up into Christ", growing in grace *and in the knowledge of God*, in love and goodness and freedom, in this world and the next.

Concluded

Yesterday was carol day at the Festival Hall and here children of the Bessemer Grange Choir add their voices to the festival.

Luncheon

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry
The annual meeting and luncheon of the International Steel Trade Association was held yesterday at the Ironmongers' Hall. The host was Mr G. J. Keen and the principal guest was Dr H. M. Finniston.

Dinners

Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers
The Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers held a livery dinner at the Mansion House last night. The Master, Mr Robert G. C. Horton, accompanied by Mrs Horton, presided. The guests included the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies. The speakers were Judge Argyle, Sir Percy Rugg and Mr Leslie R. S. Cork.

Old Dunstonian Association
The annual dinner of the Old Dunstonian Association was held last night at the Connaught Rooms. The president, Major-General A. G. Lewis, was in the chair.

Old Johnian Society
The annual dinner of the Old Johnian Society was held at the National Liberal Club last night. The president, Mr J. W. Orr, was in the chair and the guest of honour was Sir Barnett Cocks.

Wheelwrights' Company
At the installation court meeting of the Wheelwrights' Company held at Butchers' Hall yesterday evening, Mr F. G. Wills, Master, installed Mr K. H. Williman as Master for the ensuing year. Also installed were Mr E. W. Bales as Upper Warden and Mr E. T. Sermon as Renter Warden. Afterwards the Master entertained the court and guests at dinner.

Service dinners

Lord Hewlett
Lord Hewlett last night entertained officers of the Support Squadron, Eastern Flank, and their guests at dinner in the House of Lords to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the seaborne assault on Westkapelle in the island of Walcheren on November 1, 1944. By courtesy of Lord Hewlett, Commander K. A. Sellar presided and among the guests were:
General Sir Ian Gourlay, Commandant General Royal Marines; General Sir Reginald Hewetson, Royal Artillery; Lord Mais; Rear-Admiral Cassidi; Major-General Moulton and Brigadier Leicester, Royal Marines; and Group Captain Douglas Bader.

Army Legal Services
The Director of Army Legal Services, Major-General J. C. Robertson, and officers held their annual dinner in the hall of Gray's Inn last night. Colonel Sir David Hughes-Morgan presided.

The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry
Officers of The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry last night dined out their comanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel J. D. Bastick, Honorary Colonel of the regiment. Colonel M. A. A. Birtwistle presided. The new commanding officer is Lieutenant-Colonel D. J. Claxton.

HAC
Members and guests of the Honourable Artillery Mess Club dined at Armoury House last night. The president of the club, Captain J. M. Beaven, presided and the other speakers were Major F. C. B. Covell, Major-General P. C. Shapland and Mr A. G. Grimwade. The Bishop of London was among the guests.

Principal Chaplain (CSFC) RAF
The Rev L. K. Darbyshire, Principal Chaplain of the Church of Scotland and Free Churches Royal Air Force, and Mrs Darbyshire were the hosts at a dinner last night in the Royal Air Force Club in honour of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Rev Dr David Steel, who was accompanied by Mrs Steel.

3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery
Past and present officers of C, D, J (Sidi Rezegh) and M Batteries RHA and of 3rd Regiment RHA were present at their annual reunion dinner in the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich, last night. Major-General R. Lyon, Director, Royal Artillery, was the guest of honour and Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Betteridge was in the chair.

Latest pamphlets

Shropshire's ironmasters find a place in history

The Darbys of Coalbrookdale. By Barrie Trinder. Unlike most of the other pioneers of the Industrial Revolution who created villages or towns around their mills and factories, no monuments or statues to the Darbys exist in the Coalbrookdale area of Shropshire.

None is necessary, it might be argued, since throughout Shropshire and further afield there still exist many of the products of the ironfounding community headed by the Darby family which serve as more tangible reminders of their place in history.

Mr Trinder, the author of a widely acclaimed study of the Industrial Revolution in Shropshire, has now made use of recent research in this account of a remarkable family and the influence of its several generations on the iron industry and industrial history generally.

There were other similar families of ironmasters; the difference in the case of the Darbys was that for five generations, during significant times, they were involved in their industry and the lives of their community.
Phillimore and Co Ltd, Shopwyke Hall, Chichester, Sussex. £1 (postage 7p).

The Royal Year. Edited by Patrick Montague-Smith. This is the first issue of a publication, well-stocked with pictures and text, which is planned as an annual to commemorate the activities during the preceding year of members of the Royal Family.

Royal visits overseas, as well as engagements at home; the marriage of Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips, and the subsequent attempt to kidnap them in the Mall; and Prince Charles's naval career and other activities, provide plenty of material for this embellished Court Circular.

The opening paragraph of an article on Prince Charles merits an award for the least imaginative piece of writing. It states: "The Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family, had, as usual, many engagements."
Berkswell Publishing Co Ltd, Berkswell House, 66 Water Lane, London, SW2, and newsagents. 75p.

The River Wandle. Edited by Royston Twilley and Michael Wilks. It is many years since the Wandle, which flows from Croydon to join the Thames at Wandsworth, enjoyed the reputation of providing angling as good as anywhere in the country.

It has suffered over the years from progress: the spread of industry along its banks and the population growth in the areas through which it flows, with a complementary inadequacy in provision of waste and refuse disposal, and the discharging of effluent, all resulted in its becoming by the middle of the last century the most polluted river in London.

John Ruskin led a campaign to restore its purity but even with improvements and in the present pollution-conscious era it continues to have more than its share of waste deposits.

Nevertheless, it also has fascinations and this attractive history and guide to the river should attract many
London Borough of Sutton Public Libraries, Manor Park Road, Sutton, Surrey. 30p (postage 10p).

Cyril Bainbridge

Today's engagements

Exhibition: George III: collector and patron. The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, 11-5.
Exhibition of English toy theatres, Pollock's Toy Museum, 1 Scala Street, 10-5.
Second World War aircraft exhibition: Skyfame Aircraft Museum, Staverton airport, Cheltenham, 11-5.
Charles Lamb Society: Mr John Field talks on "Robert Southey", Mary Ward Centre, 9 Tavistock Place, 2.45.
London walk: Lost London—Southwark, meet *Monument* Underground station, 2.

Tomorrow

Exhibition: Hollywood still photography 1927-1941: Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, 2.30-6 (final day).
British Library exhibition: Churchill the writer, British Museum, 2.30-6.
HMS Belfast, floating naval museum, Pool of London, Vine Lane, 11-6.
National exhibition of cage and aviary birds, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, 10-5.30.
City walk: The Great Fire of London, meet Monument, 3.

Appeal for Holst centenary museum

Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Music, last night launched the Gustav Holst Museum appeal at a ceremony in Cheltenham, the composer's birthplace.

To mark Holst's centenary, a trust fund is being set up to buy and maintain 4 Clarence Road, Cheltenham, his family home, as a museum of the Holst family, furnished as an early nineteenth-century home. Cheltenham council have allocated £10,000 and it is hoped the appeal will raise a further £10,000.

OBITUARY

MRS HAZEL WIGHTMAN

'First lady of American tennis'

Mrs Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman, the "first lady of American tennis", and the donor of the Wightman Cup in 1923, died on Thursday at her home in Boston, Massachusetts. She was 87.

She won 48 United States national tennis titles, the first in 1909 and her last in 1954, retiring from veterans' competitions at the age of 78. The Wightman Cup is awarded to the winner of women's team tennis competition between the United States and Britain, and Mrs Wightman was playing and non-playing captain of the American team on a number of occasions.

Speaking of her playing days, she said in 1973 at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Wightman Cup competition: "I have always been small . . . but I was fast and I had courage. Tennis needs courage." She and Helen Wills were never beaten in doubles and they won the Wimbledon and United States doubles in 1924. They won the United States doubles again in 1928.

Mrs Wightman began playing tennis at the age of 16. "About the only sport a girl could play was tennis," she said, noting t[…] difficulty women had in bei[…] accepted as athletes at the tu[…] of the century. Tennis also h[…] its worries. As a teenager, s[…] would get up at dawn to pl[…] because the courts were […] served for men after 8 am.

In 1934 Mrs Wightman pu[…]lished *Better Tennis*. It was d[…]cribed by *The Times* critic […] "very good reading" on[…] "one has recovered from t[…] shock of seeing a book ab[…] tennis written by a woman".

In it, Mrs Wightman made clear that at no time had […] lived for the game, but h[…] played it because she liked […] and that she had never let […] interfere with a normal life.

But, while disclaiming […] game as the chief interest in […] life, she held it to be not onl[…] stimulating pastime but als[…] builder of character and hea[…] and "a channel of intensif[…] life". During her career, […] Wightman kept closely in to[…] with the game all over the w[…] and met everyone with any cl[…] to fame.

She and her husband, Geo[…] had five children, 13 grandc[…]dren and nine great-gra[…] children.

MR RICHARD WHITNEY

Mr Richard Whitney, formerly president of the New York Stock Exchange, who was credited with attempting to halt the Wall Street panic of 1929, but later went to prison for embezzlement, has died at the age of 86.

Educated at Groton and Harvard, he bought a seat on the New York Stock Exchange at the age of 23 and soon became principal broker for J. P. Morgan and Co. He captured the public imagination on October 24, 1929, "Black Thursday", the day when deals of 12,894,650 shares clogged the tape until just after 7 pm. On that day Whitney, then vice-president of the New York Stock Exchange, was in charge.

At 1.30 he appeared on the floor with an order for 10,000 shares of United States Steel at 205. Since the stock was being offered at less than 200 a share, Whitney's spectacularly uneconomic bid had the almost instantaneous effect of convincing jittery brokers and investors that the bankers had confide[…] in the market. Next day th[…] were headlines, "Richard W[…]ney halts stock panic".

He was elected presiden[…] the Stock Exchange in 1930 […] so remained until 1935. H[…]ever, all the while his pers[…] *financial affairs were get[…]* into a disastrous state. In A[…] 1938, he pleaded guilty to […] indictments for grand lar[…] and was sentenced to from […] to 10 years' imprisonment […] each count.

It was found that ove[…] period of six years Whitney […] unlawfully used securities […]longing to customers of his […] Richard Whitney and Co. […] without the knowledge of […] partners. The firm went b[…]rupt.

In his endeavours to keep […] firm from failing Whi[…] […]rowed $1m from his broth[…] partner in J. P. Morgan […] Co, and large amounts […] friends, but concealed […] them the true position o[…] affairs. He was paroled aft[…] little over three years.

Lady Ascroft, widow of Sir William Ascroft, has died at the age of 96. She was Eve Mary, daughter of J. T. Belk, and she was married in 1906. Her husband died in 1954.

Zaharia Stancu, the Roma[…] writer, has died in Bucha[…] He was president of […] Romanian Writers' Union, […] a veteran member of the […]munist Party.

High prices for Continental furniture

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Some of the prices in Sotheby's sale of Continental furniture yesterday went well beyond the sale room's expectations. A mid-eighteenth-century Italian walnut bureau with what Sotheby's call a "cavetto plinth cresting above a swelling sloping front" made £6,800, against an estimate of £1,000-£1,500. A sixteenth-century *Italian walnut centre table,* a simple, early piece, finely carved, made £6,100 (estimate £4,000-£6,000).

A handsome South German bureau cabinet in walnut parquetry *with ivory inlay,* a large, grand-looking piece, brought £4,400 (estimate £2,500-£3,500). More remarkable was the £4,000 (estimate £1,500-£2,000) for a single Caucasian ivory armchair banded in gold and silver. It dates from around 1800 and the arms and back are formed of elegant S-scrolls. This is a very price for any single chair.

Sotheby's also held a sa[…] contemporary prints, with […] Hockney's "Celia Smoking" […] 1973, at £800 (estimate £500[…] Jim Dine's "Night Portrait" […] 1969, was unsold at £800 (est[…] £1,200-£1,500). Richard Ham[…] "Towards a definitive stat[…] on the coming trends in […] wear and accessories" made […] (estimate £500-£600) and […]chenberg's "Sky Garden" […] (estimate £800-£1,000).

Sotheby's also had for sa[…] Prestwich hoard of early p[…] and halfpennies which wa[…] covered in 1971. They dated […] from the reign of King St[…] (1135-1154) and there wer[…] pieces, which brought £8[…]

Christie's held their […] Impressionist and modern […]ings sale. The top prices we[…] by André El Zenny, a deale[…] Beirut, for, among others, a […] *watercolour,* "Le Pin à […] Juan" at £3,150 (estimate £[…] £4,000), Henri Lebasque's […] Petit Dejeuner" at £2,940 […]mate £2,500-£3,500) and a […] bronze, "L'Eternel Printe[…] at £2,940 (estimate £2,000-£[…] There were again many […] lots.

Memorial service

Mr J. D. Carleton
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended a memorial service for Mr John Dudley Carleton held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev E. F. Carpenter, who gave an address, officiated, assisted by the Rev Roger Job, precentor and sacrist.

The Rev Christopher Hildyard, read from *Ecclesiastes and* Dr Eric S. Abbott said a prayer by John Donne and read verses from the Book of Wisdom.

The Archdeacon of Westminster, the Ven R. C. D. Jasper, Canon *David Edwards, Canon* J. A. Baker, the Rev N. Collings, the Bishop of London, Bishop R. W. Stannard, the Dean of Windsor, Canon A. de Zulueta, Dr. J. Fraser McClusky, the Rev Howard Hollis and the Rev David Harding were robed and in the Sanctuary. Among others present were:

Mrs Carleton (widow), Mr Andrew Roberts (stepson), Mr and Mrs Adam Roberts (stepson and stepdaughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Norman Dombey (stepson-in-law and stepdaughter), Lord Balerno (brother-in-law), Mrs Ian Clarke and Mrs G. Carleton (sisters-in-law), Mrs T. O. Lloyd, Mr and Mrs John Thomson, Mr and Mrs Colin Bell, Miss E. Pilkington, Mrs G. Jamieson, Mr and Mrs N. W. Lawrence, Mrs Derek Every-Brown, Mr and Mrs D. Wolferstan, Mr and Mrs Sam Lloyd, the Rev C. A. S. Lloyd, John Lloyd, Mr and Mrs Lawrence Middleton, Miss Ruth Kerr, Lady Runcorn, Lac[…]ham, Mr and Mrs Stephen Llo[…] and Mrs Martin Lloyd, Mrs […] Miles, Mrs Hubert Hartley, Miss […] Thomson, Richard Thomson, […] Mrs M. Paterson, Nicholas, Rov[…] David Paterson, Mr and Mrs […] Thomson.

The Lebanese Ambassador an[…] Dunleckie, Earl Waldegrave, Du[…]ess of Birkenhead, Lady Gree[…] Harrow, Lord Rea, Lord an[…] Fraser of Kilmorack, Lady Bu[…] Saffron Walden (representing the […] of Trinity College, Cambridge), […] Trend, Mr Robert Carr, MP, P[…] the Hon Alastair and Mrs Buch[…] Hon Eveleigh Leith, Lady Syl[…] Ernest and Lady Chain, Sir Rup[…] Lady Hart-Davis, Sir Ian an[…] McLennan, Dame Janet Vaugh[…] Henry Chisholm, Sir Reginald […] QC, Sir Owen Wansbrough-Jon[…] Dean of Christ Church, the hea[…] of Westminster School and M[…] Mr and Mrs D. M. M. Carey, M[…] O'Brien, Mr C. A. Prenderga[…] C. H. V. Sutherland, Mr W. […] Straubenzee, MP, Mr Frank d[…] Mr and Mrs N. Barker, Mr a[…] Claud Bicknell, Mr and Mi[…] Bulmer Thomas, Mr and Mrs […] Bulmer-Thomas, Mr C. D. […] Hawkins, Mrs C. Britten, Mr a[…] Peter Bicknell, Mrs Sally Bick[…] A. J. Carpenter, Commander J[…] Cohen, Mr D. A. Collinette, […] Mrs J. T. Christie, Mrs Henry […] Mrs T. S. Eliot, the Rev Dr Ad[…] Mr G. Talbot Griffith, Mr S. […] Mr Michael Glynn, Mr and Mrs […] Hobson, Mr R. Heaton, D. B. […] Dr and Mrs Walter Hamilton, […] Gerard Irvine, Mr Albert Ki[…] and Mrs F. Kilvington, Mr W. […] Mr and Mrs Donald Lindsay, […] Mrs J. G. Murray, Mr and Mrs R[…] MacKenna, Mrs E. Norman-Bu[…] and Mrs R. M. Robbins, Mr a[…] Francis Rawes, Dr A. M. B. […] Mr and Mrs D. A. Raeburn, M[…] *Robertson, Lieutenant-Colonel* […] Robinson, Professor and Mrs […] Richards, Mr and Mrs M. J. W. […] Mr E. Ruggles-Brise, Mrs P[…] Sautoy, Mr and Mrs Graham Sta[…] Dr L. Tanner, Mr and Mrs […] Woodhouse, the Rev J. J. Wil[…] and Mrs A. W. Walker and Mrs Hubert Ward.

Science report

Ecology: Birds signal a decline in DDT

Three hundred and nineteen small birds which have come to grief over the past ten years on the television towers of Florida, on their way south for the winter, have not died in vain. Dr David Johnston, of the University of Florida, has extracted from their plump bodies the encouraging message that DDT residues in this particular corner of the ecosystem have been declining *steadily since* the ban imposed in the United States at the end of 1972.

The birds investigated by Dr Johnston are not among those which have attracted special attention as threatened species. In fact, there is no evidence for any significant effect of DDT on the populations of those varieties, which include the American redstart, the palm warbler, the common yellowthroat and other small songbirds.

But because of the ample deposits of fat which the migrants accumulate against the *winter flight south, they offer a* convenient index for DDT in the biosphere, where it tends to persist in fatty tissues.

Although some estimates have suggested that DDT may take as much as two decades to disappear from the soil, the decline in concentration in the fat deposits of the migrating birds since 1964 is quite marked. The trend is more conspicuous in insect-eating species than in those that feed on fruit, and is evident from long before imposition of the ban.

At present Dr Johnston records an average concentration of DDT and its metabolites of about four parts a million lipid weight, as opposed to between 16 and 20 parts for 1964.

Although his report of a decreased pesticide burden in bird life is out of line with other recent *reports on residues in bird life* and food in the United States, it does conform to recent findings in Britain. While in America the decline in the use of DDT has been reflected chiefly in lower concentrations in surface waters, in Britain the effect on concentrations in the tissues of certain birds, and on the breeding success of some rarer species, has been significant.

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From The Times of Wednesday, December 7, 1949

Age and ability

Westminster, Tuesday—A 75-year-old Labour MP, Mr Walker, who is also a magistrate, delighted the House of Commons this evening with his personal testimony on the controversy whether, under the provisions of the Justices of the Peace Bill, magistrates should be placed on the supplemental list at 75.

He evidently resented the fact that the Government should tell him he was suffering from senile decay and he proudly told the House that he had never worn glasses, he could hear the ticking of the smallest watch, and, most striking evidence of all, he did not know how to play bowls—a game usually associated with old age.

The House had cheered encouragingly a still more venerable MP, Mr Logan (born in 1872). . . . But Sir Hartley Shawcross [Attorney General] maintained his opinion that at 75 a substantial proportion of people were reaching the stage when their mental activities were beginning to slow down.

Services tomorrow: Second Sunday in Advent

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8, M, 10.30, Rev A. D. Henderson, Benedicite (Jackson in G); HC, 11.30 (Stanford in C), Int, Prevent us, O Lord (Byrd); E, 3.15, Canon H. Wilson, Mag and ND (Weelkes), A, O where shall wisdom (Boyce).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Benedicite (Jackson in G), A, Teach me, O Lord (Attwood), Rev T. Houston; Sung Eucharist, 11.40, O Lord give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis), Stanford in C and F; E, 3 (Byrd—2nd), A, Thy word is a lantern (Purcell), Canon J. A. Baker; 6.30, Rev P. Oestreicher.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC (said), 9; 11, Rev David Martin; Choral Evening Prayer, 4, Very Rev Harold Frankham.

CHAPEL ROYAL, ST JAMES'S PALACE: HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, A, Rejoice in the Lord (Purcell), Rev H. G. Anderson.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Vaughan Williams in G), Canon Edwyn Young, A, Thy word is a lantern (Purcell).

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public admitted): HC, 8.30, 12; MP, 11, Rev George Knight.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited): Carol Service, 11.30.

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11 (Shaw and Byrd—short), A, O sapientia (Ramsey), the Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Wesley in F), Jub (Sowerby in B flat), A, Zion hears (Bach), Rev C. E. Garth Moore.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk (public welcomed): HC, 8; M, 11, Band: The Life Guards, Rev R. T. J. K. Wood, A, This is the record of John (Gibbons).

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC 8.30 and noon, Parade Service 11, A, The Lord hath been mindful (Wesley), Band: Coldstream Guards, Rev J. B. Wright.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC 8.30, 12.15, M 11, Benedicite (Jackson in G), A, How dear are thy counsels (Crotch), Rev H. J. Stuart; E, 3.30 (Walmisley in D minor), A, Thy word is a lantern (Purcell), Rev D. H. G. Clark.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC 8.30, M 11, E 3.30.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist 11; Rev G. de Mello.

ALL SAINTS', Margaret Street: LM 8 and 5.30, HM 11, (Byrd for 4 voices), Rev David Painter; E and B 6, (Weelkes-short), the Vicar.

CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC 8.15, 9.15, 12.10, Parish Communion 10, M 11, Rev Christopher Dent; E 6.30.

CHRIST CHURCH, Chelsea: HC 8, Parish Communion 11, Bishop of Kensington; E 6.30, HC 7 pm.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC 8.15, Sung Eucharist 11, Rev J. B. Gaskell.

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist 9.15, Rev R. Tydeman.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC 8 and 12.15, Family Communion 9, Professor A. Cameron, M 11, Rev R. Kemp, E 6, Canon Bryan Green.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road: HC, 8.30, 12.15, M, 11, and E, 6, Prebendary D. W. Cleverley Ford.

HOLY TRINITY, Kingsway: HC, 10, Parade Service and HC, 11, Rev John Arrowsmith.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 5.30, SM, 9.30, HM, 11 (Silas in C), Ave Maris Stella (Elgar), Rev C. G. Beck. E and B, 6.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9, M, 11 (Hunt in C), A, O sacrum convivium (Tallis), and E, 6.30 (Hunt in C), the Rector, A, Ne Timeas (Vittoria).

ST BRIDES, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30, M & HC, 11, Rev Dewi Morgan, Benedicite (Sumsion in B flat), Acterna Christi (Palestrina), E (said), and Handel's Messiah, 6.30.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens: LM, 8 and 10, HM, 11, Acterna Christi (Palestrina), Rev John Vine, E and B, 6.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15, Sung Eucharist 11, Missa quinti toni (Lasso), Rev W. M. Atkins, Jesu, dulcis memoria (Palestrina).

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street, HC, 8, 12, MP, 11, Rev G. C. Taylor, E, 6.30, Rev A. W. D. Bayley.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15, Eucharist, 9.15 (no sermon); M, 11 and E, 6, Rev J. L. W. Robinson.

ST. MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 8.15, 12.15 and 6.45; M, 11, Ben (Sumsion), A, O Nata Lux (Tallis); E, 6, Mag and ND (Gibbons 2nd), A, O thou the central orb (Gibbons), Canon D. L. Edwards.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: HC, 8, Family Communion 9.45, M, 11.15, the Vicar; 6.30, Rev Ron Swan.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 7, 8, 12.30, Sung Eucharist 9.30, Rev A. F. Davis; M, 11.15, Prebendary J. Aldis, A, Prepare thyself, Zion (Bach); E, 6.30, Rev H. L. O. Rees, A, Teach me, O Lord (Hilton).

ST MARY'S, Bryanston Square, HC, 8.30, 12; M, 11, the Rector, A, Jesu joy (Bach); E, 6.30, Rev R. Miller.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8, 11, Prebendary F. Coventry, Missa l'hora passa (Viadana), Mot, Ave Maria (Victoria); E, 6.30.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15, 12.15; M, 11, Rev E. C. H. Saunders; 6, Rev G. Baynes Clarke.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8, 9; SE, 11, Rev Donald B. Harris.

ST PAUL'S Robert Adam Street: M 11 and 6.30; Bishop Goodwin Hudson.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: HC 8.15, Sung Eucharist, 11 (Leighton in D), Mot, Ave Maria (Bruckner), Rev D. B. Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC 8, M 11, Rev L. R. Roberts, E, 6.30, Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM 7, 8, HM 11, Missa Liturgica (Harrison), Rev Keith Hobbs; E and B 6, Rev Richard Hayes.

ST VADAST, Foster Lane: Plainchant, Mot, Erhone (Schütz), Canon French-Bayta[…]

ST COLUMBA'S (Church o[…] land), Pont Street: 11, Rev […] Fraser McLuskey; 6.30 Rev Dr […] G. Cameron.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, […] Garden: 11.15 Dr W. G. […] Gaelic Service 3.30, Rev J[…] MacLeod, 6.30 Rev J. Miller S[…] Mr Robin Birch.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: […] 8, 9, 12, 5.30 and 7, HM 10.30, […] B, 3.30.

THE ORATORY: SM 11, Vi[…]sam (Victoria), Mot, Sancta […] (Mozart); V and B, 3.30, M[…] Maria (Victoria).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick St: […] (Latin), Mozart in C.

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Squa[…] 6 pm, Missa Maria Immacula[…] (ice), Tota pulchra es Maria (…

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CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Via[…] and 6.30, Dr Kenneth Slack.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, […]ham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev F[…] Morgan.

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KOREA HAS GOOD PROSPECTS FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Korea's soaring exports are only part of her economic success story, though of course a vital part. And while world economic conditions will necessarily dictate when or whether the nation's more ambitious future plans can be expected to succeed, Korea is going full steam ahead to meet previously set goals, as modified but not discarded under current conditions.

The determined drive on the part of Korea to achieve complete economic modernization and independence took off like a skyrocket during the 1960s—especially the latter half of the decade—and continued even more impressively in the early 1970s. If recent and projected growth rates can be maintained, economic self-sufficiency may indeed be obtained in the 1980s. Certainly the performance in 1973 was encouraging, though that was before the worldwide economic recession hit.

These days, the government is exerting urgent efforts to counter the slowdown trend brought about by price increases of crude oil and other raw material imports. Some of the added import costs will be offset by higher price tags on export items, but $1 billion of Korea's $6.5 billion in imports this year will represent an additional burden directly attributed to price increases of imports. It is possible, however, for a rapidly growing economy such as that of Korea to offset such a loss within a short time.

The fundamental trend of the nation's balance of payments is still sound. This year's deficit of about $1.3 billion will be financed by inflow of short and long-term capital. If imports are curbed, savings encouraged, and exports grow at only 20 per cent per year—about half the average over the past decade—the deficit in balance of payments will be eliminated, as planned, in the early 1980s.

Meanwhile, the capital inflow to cover the deficit will be shifted systematically from short-term to long-term capital loans, to ease immediate repayment problems. Direct foreign investment will also be sought increasingly, and procedures simplified.

In addition, further efforts will be made to control inflation, which has decreased since May, alleviate unemployment, and make more efficient use of manpower.

These policies are basically the same as those that fuelled our economy in the past decade, and may be expected to solve current problems as well.

Success of our Five Year Development plans

The rapid industrialization and overall economic expansion of the 1960s was directly due to careful preparation and successful implementation of the two five-year economic development plans. With the completion of the first plan (1962-1966), the nation's economy was found to have grown at an average annual rate of 8.3 per cent, considerably higher than the target of 7.1 per cent envisaged at the outset, which had been considered by some overcautious observers as an impossible goal.

However, during the second plan (1967-1971) this rate was exceeded, reaching 11.4 per cent per annum. The third plan (1972-1976) aims for a more modest 8.6 per cent. Per capita GNP reached $373 in 1973, and is

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A seated granite image of Buddha in the grotto shrine called Sokkuram in the mountains of south-eastern Korea. With its exquisite carvings and sophisticated arched dome design, the grotto, built in 751, is rated one of the finest monuments of Buddhist art.

UK IMPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

UK/KOREA TRADE
(Extracted from Overseas Trade Statistics of the UK)
(Value in £'000)

	JUNE 1974	JAN-JUNE 1974	JUNE 1973	JAN-JUNE 1973
Total Division	4,313	28,398	1,536	10,641
Tobacco & Tobacco Manufactures	1,007	5,067	142	1,911
Wood & Cork Manufactures (excluding Furniture)	46	801	52	305
Textile Yarn Fabrics	552	3,071	382	2,232
Mnfs. of Metal N.E.S.	195	1,170	21	285
Clothing Knitted or Crocheted Articles	1,186	9,142	387	2,662
Footwear	158	2,228	192	700
Scientific Instruments	47	376	31	197
Misc. Manufactured Articles	566	2,386	155	1,059

NEW COMMUNITY MOVEMENT RAISES FARM INCOME AND MORALE

Like any other farmers in Oriental nations having a long agrarian tradition, Koreans in rural areas tended to be conservative, even apathetic, in making changes to improve their productivity and living conditions. There was a shortage of tillable land, an overpopulation problem, and rural income never rose much beyond the subsistence level. There was little hope that it ever would.

However, it was necessary that productivity be raised in order to support the overall modernization scheme for economic progress. It was equally necessary that family income be raised in order to narrow the widening rural-urban gap, which had resulted in excessive migration from the country to the city, a situation which held the potential of future social disturbance.

Korean farmers had several factors going for them, though. One was the high rate of literacy and educational level. Another was an ancient tradition of co-operative effort in the peak farming seasons.

Taking advantage of these factors, President Park Chung Hee several years ago launched a nation-wide programme known in Korean as the "Saemaul Undong", or "New Community Movement". The primary purpose was to modernize agricultural production methods, to improve the rural infrastructure, and to establish village industries or other cash-earning activities for the slack farming season.

Out of this, it was hoped, would come a new spirit of aspiration and affirmation, replacing centuries of stagnation and poverty. In this sense it could be spoken of as a "spiritual revolution".

No Dole

The approach was "rice-roots democracy" rather than government dole. Community leaders, wherever possible younger men with vision, presided over town meetings where villagers discussed and decided upon priority projects according to their own needs and circumstances. The government, if necessary, provided feasibility studies and technical advice, sometimes supervision and equipment.

The villagers then devised their own co-operative work schedule and undertook the projects themselves. For heavy

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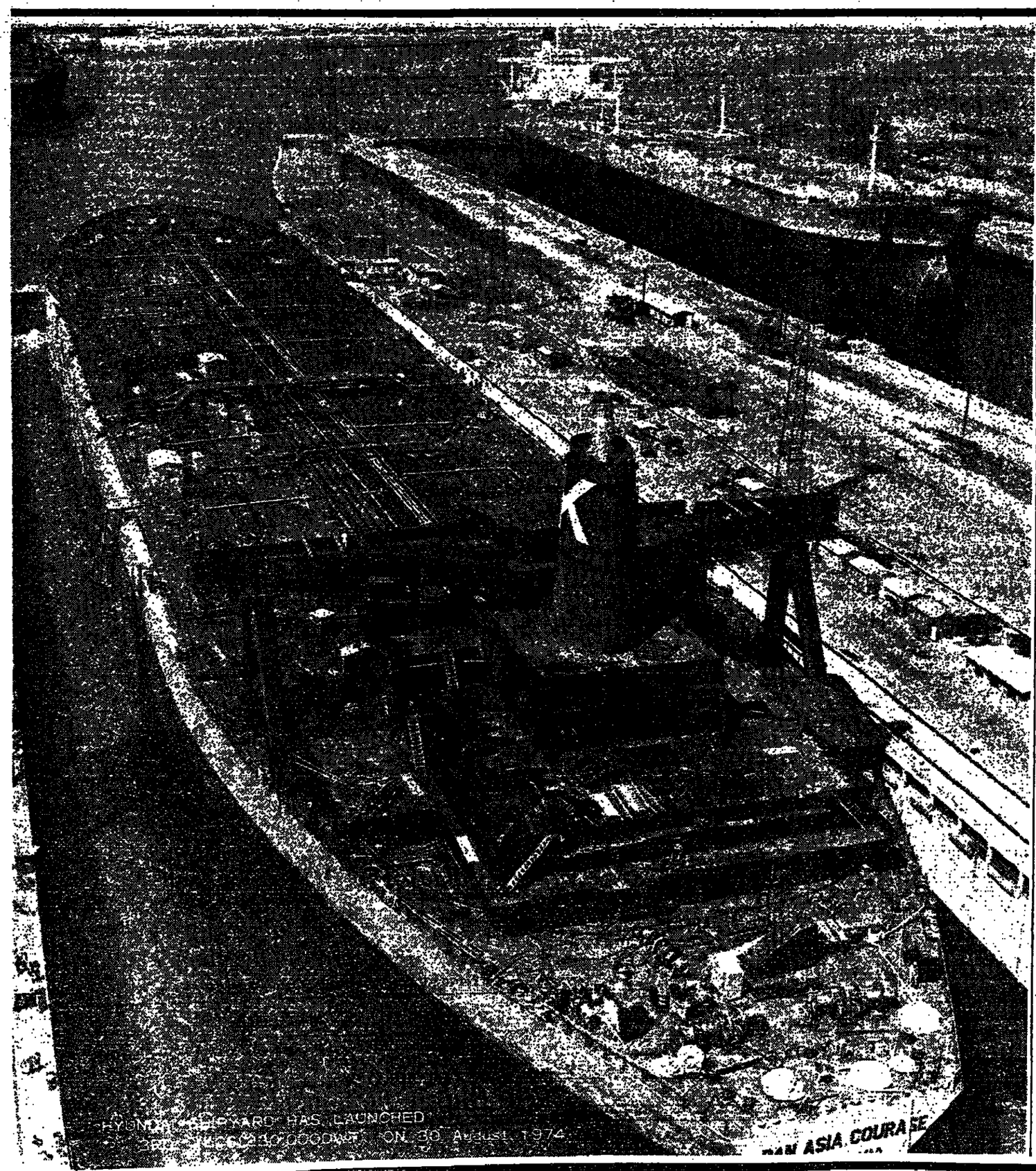

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targeted at $983 by 1980. As recently as 1961, it was only $83.

Despite scarcity of most raw materials, careful planning mobilized in a most effective manner both domestic savings and foreign investment, putting to work the less tangible factors favourable to Korea's progress: her people's willingness to work, their renewed ambition and optimism, their high level of education and skills, and the relatively low prevailing wage rates.

The lesson of the past decade has been, clearly, that there is no single, all-purpose formula for advancement ; but that prosperity may be secured through creative and co-operative efforts carried out under flexible, imaginative leadership.

The Third Five Year Development Plan

The nation's first two economic development plans necessarily concentrated upon building diversified industry, along with the necessary infrastructure, starting virtually from scratch. By this means rapid accumulation of capital was achieved.

In the third plan, now over half completed, agriculture is emphasized more heavily than before. This is in line with concern over the world-wide food shortage and the need for Korea to become self-sufficient in major grains. In addition, narrowing the wide gap between rural and urban income and opportunity will insure social justice and stability.

Recent years saw construction of chemical fertilizer and pesticide plants, improved irrigation, consolidation of fields for more efficient use of land and mechanized farming, diversification of crops and utilization of better seeds and breed stock. A "second income" from cottage industry is encouraged to make use of idle labour in the off season.

As a result of such efforts, the rice crop increased by nearly 5 per cent annually over a decade, though arable land expanded only 12 per cent during that entire period.

Industry, of course, has not been neglected, since it is recognized that vigorous growth in the manufacturing sector has been the principal factor in Korea's rapid economic advance. Growth in industrial production marked 16 per cent per annum on average during the 1960s.

Manufacturing alone expanded at a rate of 23 per cent yearly between 1967 and 1970. Among major items, output of heavy industrial products like electrical machinery and transportation equipment grew faster than products such as foods, textiles, and other consumer goods. The pattern has been one of exporting light industry products and using heavy industry to provide import-substitute items. However, this pattern will change with the maturing of industry, and in 1981 the heavy and chemical industry, especially shipbuilding and petrochemical products, will contribute 60 per cent to the total export goal of $10 billion.

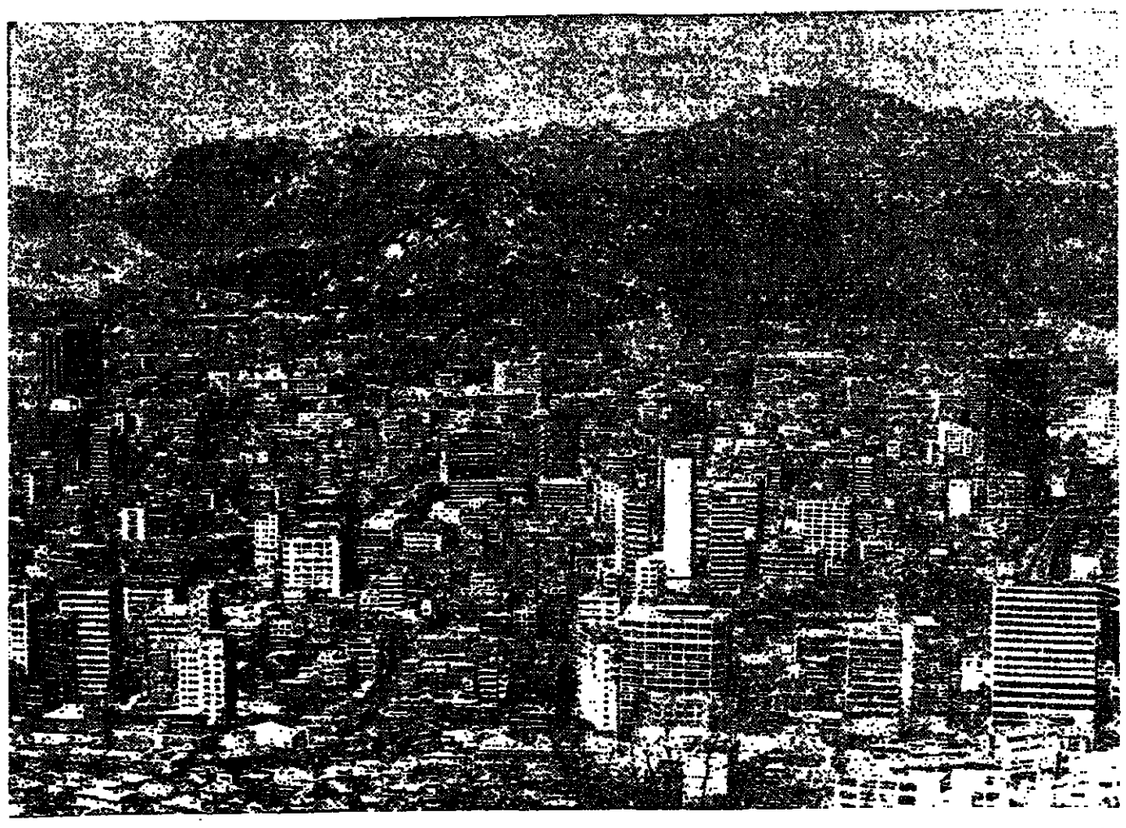
Meanwhile, commodities including TV sets, refrigerators, vehicles, and electrical assemblies which have previously included imported components will be made of 100 per cent Korean-produced parts. Domestic production of iron and steel, with attendant heavy machinery plants, has brought a major innovation to the industrial structure with the completion of the Pohang Iron and Steel Mill, whose present production capacity of just over a million tons per year will be raised to 2.6 million by 1976, or 90 per cent of domestic needs.

Currently, textiles, wigs, handicrafts, plywood, drugs, and cement still comprise major items in both the domestic and export fields, along with items previously mentioned.

Small and medium industry will at the same time undergo phased expansion and modernization. Many will re-align their output in order to supply sub-components to larger enterprises. Business mergers and affiliations will be encouraged where appropriate, in the interests of greater efficiency. The more promising small and medium industries will be given as much support as possible to increase their export volume.

Three new shipyards are under construction which will be able to build vessels in the 260,000-ton class and larger on order. The nation's shipbuilding capacity of 2 million gross tons will increase to 6 million by 1980.

The key to all this rapid growth is, of course, exports. Volume of exports reached $1 billion for the first time in 1970, and increased amazingly to $3.25 billion in 1973 : this from a beginning of $84 million in 1963. This represents an average annual rate of more than 40 per cent over the past decade, one of the highest rates ever recorded, comparing with averages of 10 per cent in highly developed countries and 8 per cent in developing nations.



The downtown area of Seoul, the flourishing home of more than six million. Capital city since the 14th Century, Seoul is the centre of Korea's economy, culture, and education as well as politics.

As a result, the contribution of commodity exports to total GNP rose to 16.5 per cent in 1970 and 33.3 in 1973, from only 6.1 per cent in 1962, starting year of the first five-year plan. The early tendency toward the less-profitable export of primary products has been reversed with the trend to market manufactured items. Even in severe competition with other developed and developing countries, the proportion of manufactured goods to total export volume rose from 17 per cent in 1959 to 79 per cent in 1970 and 89 in 1973.

Manufactured goods in 1976 will account for $4.0 billion or 90 per cent of total exports. Heavy metal and chemical industries will increase their share from 29 per cent in 1969 to 33 per cent in 1976.

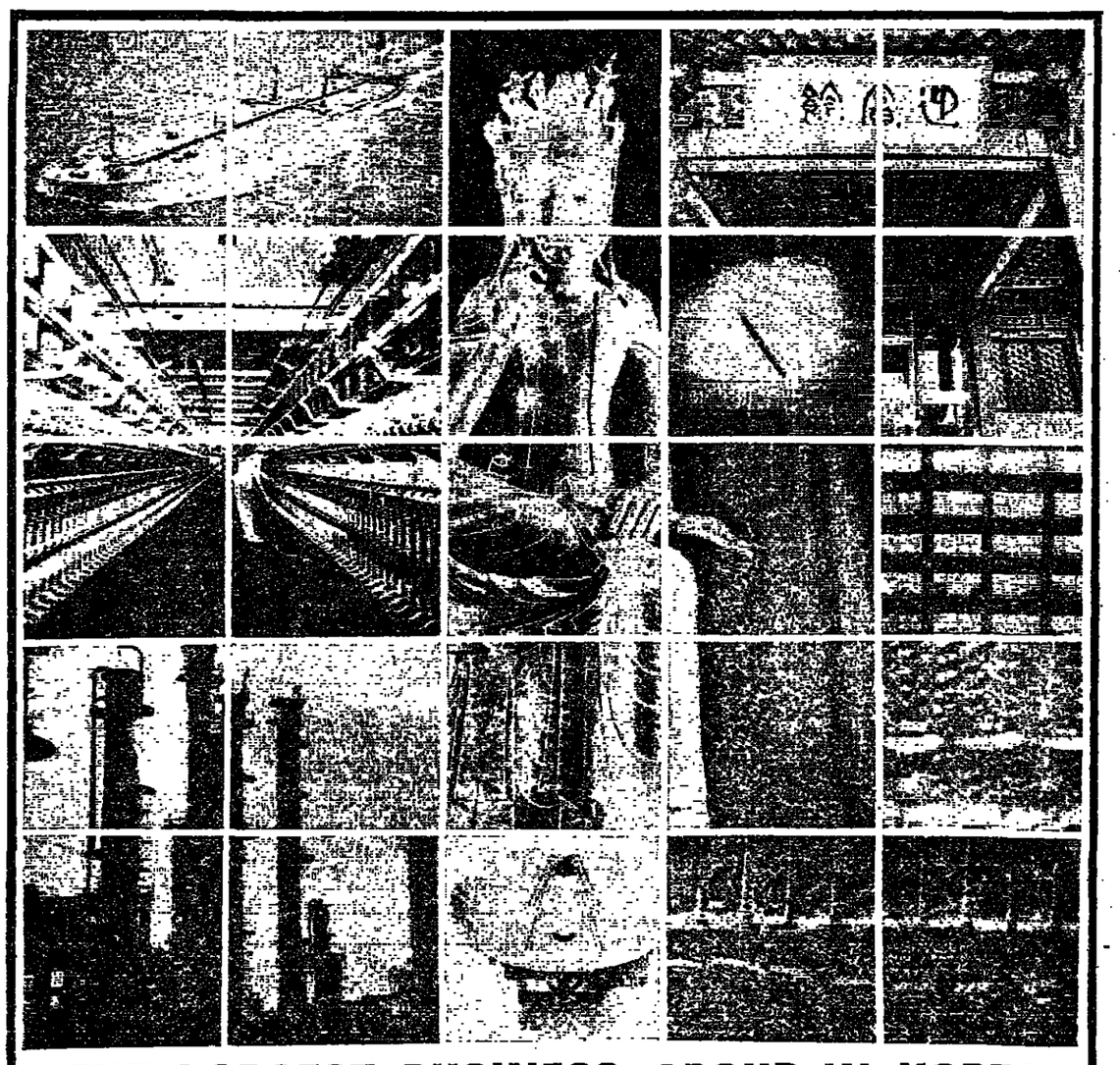
At the same time, overseas markets in Europe and America will be developed much more intensively by means of trade missions and resident trade centres, to avoid undue dependence upon major buyers in the United States and Japan, which presently account for as much as 70 per cent of Korean sales. Products as well as markets will be diversified and customers sought even in Communist bloc nations that are not actively hostile to Korea.

UK-ROK TRADE UP THIS YEAR

While British exports to Korea are moving ahead at double the rate of last year, with a total of 20.8 million pounds for the first six months of 1974. UK purchases from Korea have almost tripled for the same period, reaching 28.4 million pounds.

Among the major categories of what Korea sells to Britain one finds knitted clothing articles, textile yarn fabrics, tobacco and tobacco products.

Also important are footwear, wood and cork products, scientific instruments, and other miscellaneous manufactured articles.



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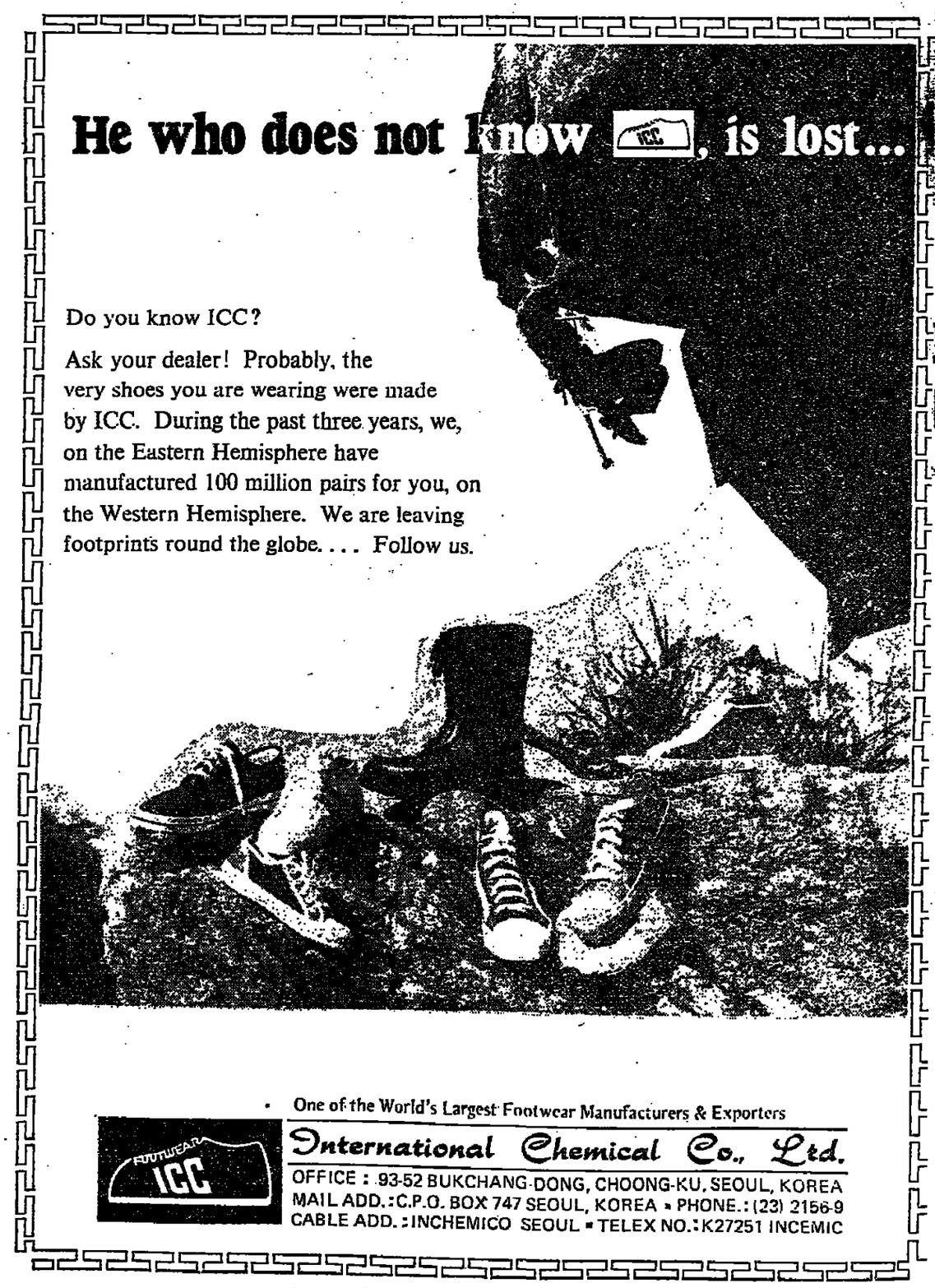

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North Korean Contradiction

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'oreign Minister Kim Dong-jo of the Republic of Korea said the United Nations Command ıas performed an essential function in enforcing the armistice in Korea.

In a speech before the first committee of the United Nations General Assembly on 29th Jovember, Foreign Minister Kim said the dissolution of the United Nations Command, in the bsence of a successor arrangement, will result in the removal of a vital party to the armistice greement, and could lead to a serious disruption of the armistice.

He also called on north Korea to join the United Nations with the Republic of orea, pending reunification.

Pointing to the fact that north Korea has already been ılmitted into specialized agencies of international organi-ations such as WHO, IPU, UNCTAD, IAEA and UNESCO, which the Republic of Korea has long been a full ember, Foreign Minister Kim said he believes member-ıip in the United Nations would neither perpetuate the vision of the country nor hinder peaceful unification.

Following are excerpts of a statement made by Republic Korea Foreign Minister Kim Dong-jo at the first ımmittee of the 29th United Nations General Assembly on ovember 29, 1974 :

I wish to refer to the role of the United Nations ɔmmand in Korea. As a party signatory to the armistice greement, the Command has performed an essential ınction in enforcing the armistice in Korea, and has ıntributed to the maintenance of international peace ıd security in our region.

Dissolution of the United Nations Command, in the ɔsence of a successor arrangement, will result in the moval of a vital party to the armistice agreement, and ıuld lead to a serious disruption of the armistice. This ɔuld have a grave impact on the peace and security in e area.

In view of this important role played by the United ations Command, and in the light of the fact that the ımmand was created by a resolution of the Security ɔuncil, it is appropriate that the future of the command : decided by the Security Council.

At this point, the Republic of Korea is prepared to ıgotiate, in an appropriate manner, with the parties *rectly concerned over the future of the United Nations* ɔmmand so that the Security Council may give due ınsideration to this matter.

I wish to take this occasion to clearly state that the ıited States troops are stationed in Korea at the request the government of the Republic of Korea under the utual Defence Treaty concluded in 1953 between the ɜpublic of Korea and the United States.

Contrary to the north Korean allegations, the United Nations Command and the United States forces have never interfered in the domestic affairs of the Republic of Korea. And we would never tolerate foreign interference in our *domestic affairs.*

In fact, it is north Korea's avowed intentions and constant provocations that make the continued presence of these forces a necessity.

Now, I wish to address myself to the question of our admission into the United Nations. Here, once again, I would like to call upon our fellow north Koreans to join the United Nations with us, pending reunification. But if north Korea cannot join the United Nations at this time, the Republic of Korea, with its 35-million population, should rightfully be able to join the United Nations under the principle of universality. Our rightful seat in this august world body should not be denied because of north Korean opposition.

At the same time, we will not object to north Korea being admitted into the United Nations along with us, as we hope this would help bring about a consolidation of peace in the Korean peninsula.

We believe that membership in the United Nations would not perpetuate the division and would not hinder peaceful unification.

North Korea has already been admitted into specialized agencies and other international organizations—such as WHO, IPU, UNCTAD, IAEA and UNESCO—of which the Republic of Korea has long been a full member.

North Korea has never regarded the dual representation in such international organizations as perpetuating the division of the country. It should be recalled that north *Korea had twice applied for membership in the United* Nations, along with the Republic of Korea.

It is unjust for admission of the Republic of Korea into the United Nations to be subject to the dictate of north Korea which controls less than one-third of the total population of Korea.

You have, before you, two draft resolutions on the Korean question.

In connection with these draft resolutions, my delegation wishes to emphasize some of the important elements, for your special attention.

First, it is an urgent necessity to resume the south-north dialogue suspended by north Korea in August last year. Through this dialogue, both parts of Korea could begin to dispel mutual distrust, thereby creating favourable conditions for national reconciliation.

My delegation strongly believes that the dialogue should be resumed without any pre-conditions. This was and still is—I am convinced—a sense of this committee written out in the consensus statement adopted last year.

Second, on the question of the future of the United Nations Command, my delegation strongly maintains that *the matter should be dealt with by the Security Council, in* consultation with the parties directly concerned.

Furthermore, the command, as a party signatory to the armistice agreement of 1953, has been instrumental in enforcing the armistice. Until, and not before, a workable successor arrangement is made, the command should continue its vital functions.

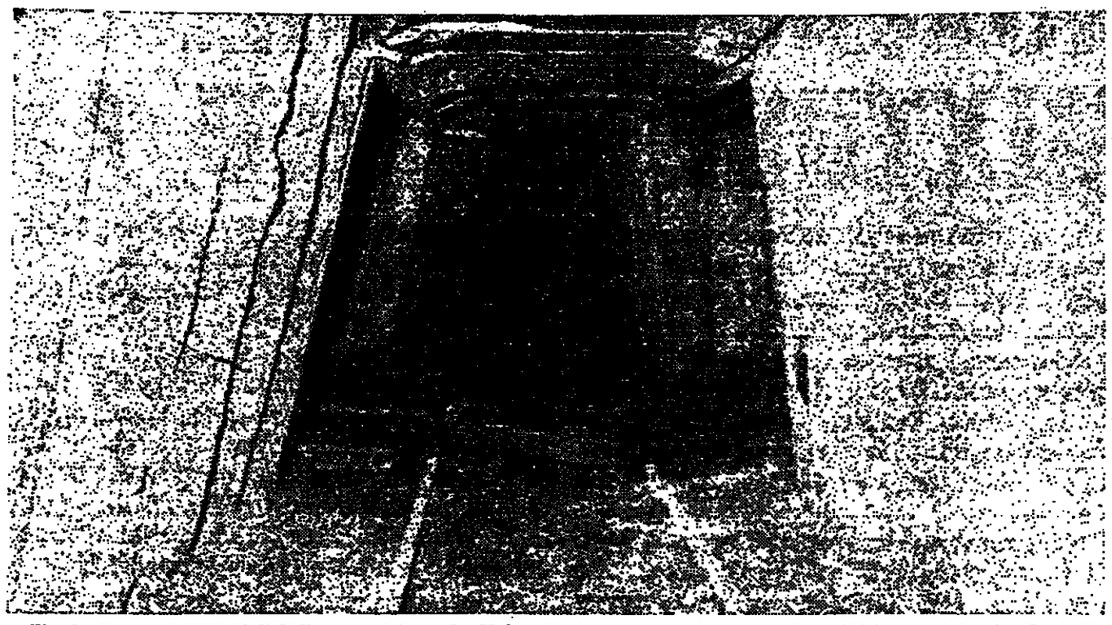
In view of the foregoing, my delegation believes that the draft resolution contained in document a/c. 1/1. 676 will encourage full implementation of the consensus on the Korean question.

It will also greatly contribute to the maintenance of peace and security in Korea. It represents the most appropriate and constructive action that the United Nations can take at this time. Therefore, the delegation of the Republic of Korea fully and wholeheartedly supports that draft resolution.

On the other hand, the draft resolution a/c 1/1. 677 attempts to effect an immediate withdrawal of the United Nations forces.

This does not reflect stark realities in Korea. It would only undermine the role of the United Nations in Korea. *It would thereby seriously disrupt the structure of security* for the Republic of Korea. It would make the resumption of the dialogue more difficult. In the final analysis, it would jeopardize peace and security in the Far East.

I am certain that this committee will look in an impartial and objective way at the realities in Korea, and will make a wise judgment with the fairness and insight that this committee has shown for the last twenty-eight years in its deliberations on the Korean question.



Demilitarized zone (DMZ) Civil Police squad from the United Nations Command uncovered the illicit tunnel dug by North Korea south of the Military Demarcation Line on 15th November, 1974. The north Korean infiltration tunnel has a switching system for the railway, with bypasses and a roundhouse.

ming is rapidly being mechanized in an extensive agriculture development plan that is ected to bring the country a state of self-sufficiency in grains by the late 1970s.

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struction activities, free cement and rein-ing bars were provided up to a certain l. In a few cases, cash grants were made the condition that a matching amount be ed by the villagers.

he slogan of the movement was a prehensive, utilitarian phrase: Self-help, gence, and Co-operation.

he New Community Movement got off the und in 1970 with pilot projects, but did not into full swing nationwide until two years r. In this relatively brief period, there has ed been a transformation in rural Korea, farmers convincing themselves that "we can obtain what we seek if only we work d enough".

Farm Productivity

terms of actual farm productivity, tiny gular rice paddies have been consolidated broad rectangular fields, to save land expedite both the use of mechanical ipment and the efficiency of co-operative ur. Improved strains of seeds have been oduced, and irrigation systems established mproved.

oads and bridges have been built or ened to provide easier access to markets. s for community improvement, drainage sanitation systems have been inaugurated, dikes or dams constructed for flood con-and better use of water resources. dings such as community laundries and houses or town halls have been built. latter are also used for special adult cation classes, and even as workshops or ehouses for cottage industry.

he old fashioned straw-thatched roofs—so uresque, but also so unsanitary, danger-and expensive—are fast disappearing the Korean countryside, a fact regretted by tourist photographers, to be replaced permanent tile, sheet metal, slate or plastic.

ural electrification and piped water sys-s also form part of the movement.

e aesthetic side of life has not been reg-ed. Village shrines, monuments, and other cultural relics have been renovated in places where they had been allowed to decay or be set aside. If old ladies and little children could do nothing else, they were at least able to clean up yards and lanes, and to plant flower beds for village beautification programmes.

Rural Industrialization

Methods of achieving rural industrialization vary with each specific region and village. If nothing else, villagers can make and sell rice-straw ropes and sacking, partly from the straw that no longer goes into their roofs. Other villages may make reed mats, or process vegetable crops for sale, increasing income over the sale of unprocessed crops. Mushrooms may be raised in one area, silk worms in another. Various types of cloth may be produced in simple factories. The list is almost endless.

In terms of cold figures, some thirteen million man-days have been invested in the New Community Movement so far, or about 36 million man-days per year. Government support worth $60 million has been provided to about 35,000 villages and the value of completed projects is estimated at about $350,000,000.

Significance of Movement

The "value-added" to moral and civic spirit is of course incalculable in terms of money, and perhaps this has been the main, transcending importance of the movement.

It is not easy to move an entire national agricultural establishment into the 20th century. It cannot be done overnight, nor even in a decade. But in Korea under the New Community Movement an impressive beginning has been made. Indeed, it is more than a beginning.

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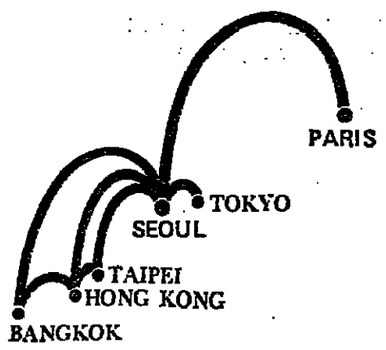

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KOREAN CULTURE — MIXTURE OF OLD AND NEW

The early impetus and influence governing Korea's arts—as well as her religions, philosophy and early technology—generally emanated from China originally and, after a period of acculturation, were passed on from Korea to Japan. This pattern held true until the late 19th century, when Occidental influence began to flow in the other direction, often coming from Japan, in a reversal of the older pattern.

This is not to say that ancient Korean culture was slavishly imitative of the Chinese. The borrowings had several centuries, even millennia, to put down roots and adapt to Korean soil, so that the traditional arts have become much more distinctively Korean than those reaching Korea from the West, which were imported only a few decades ago.

Some commentators have attempted to compare or contrast the arts of the three principal North Asian nations with the generalization that Chinese art appears massive and ornate, Japanese dainty and refined, while that of Korea gives an impression of unpolished simplicity and rude strength. Such formulae may be useful if it is carefully borne in mind that the generalization will not necessarily fit all the arts or all the periods in the histories of any of the three countries.

Painting

Tomb wall murals from the Koguryo kingdom (37 B.C.-A.D. 668) are the first surviving examples of Korean paintings. The mythological beasts depicted in some of these show a fantastic imagination and wild abandon that seem already somehow quintessentially Korean.

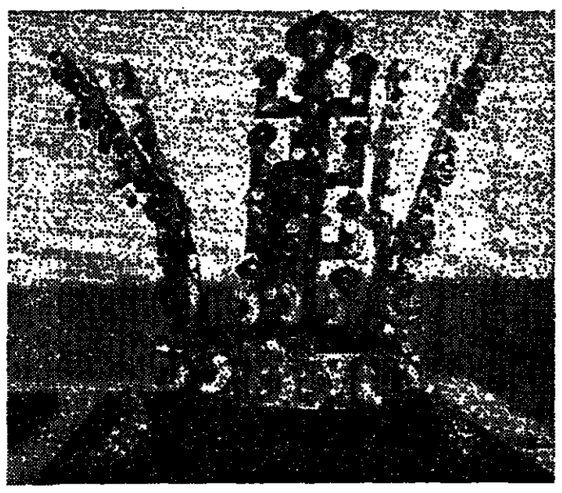
Then comes a long gap in our knowledge, caused by the fragility of early paintings done on cloth, wood, or mud-plaster walls. Not until the Yi dynasty (1392-1910) are there enough extant paintings to generalize about.

In Yi days there were two classes of artists: professionals employed by the court for portraits, decorative landscapes and genre paintings; and 'amateurs'—actually highly cultivated scholar-poets who also painted and practised calligraphy. The latter are at least as esteemed by modern experts as the former, though no scholar-artist of the old days would have demeaned himself to the level of a mere artisan by exhibiting his work publicly.

Styles in painting came and went according to Chinese influence, but there is a recognizably Korean flavour to the humorous animal pictures, the scroll paintings of dreamlike, mist-clad mountains, and the sharply-observed sketches of common life, dashed off with deceptive ease in brush and ink.

Sculpture and Ceramics

Early sculpture in Korea is identified with the inflow of Buddhism, and in some cases may even show Greek influences brought from India. Images of Buddha in his various incarnations, and of the Buddhist saints and minor deities, are the main subjects, reaching breathtaking heights of artistry during the Unified Silla period, exemplified by the granite figures of the mountaintop Sokkulam grotto shrine, erected in 752 near Kyongju.



An exotic and unique Korean royal crown from the Silla Dynasty (57 BC-AD 918). With tree-branch form and comma-shaped jade pendants, this specimen, excavated in 1973, is rated as among the finest of a number of crowns found in tombs near the old Silla capital city of Kyungju.

When Buddhism lost its political sway in the Yi dynasty, sculpture as an art practically disappeared, except local and imitative items for temple use.

Temples and official buildings such as palaces follow the basic Chinese design in lintel style: horizontal wooden beams supported on wooden posts. Walls might be of wood or clay and lime wattle. Some castles, tombs, and pagodas were made of granite.

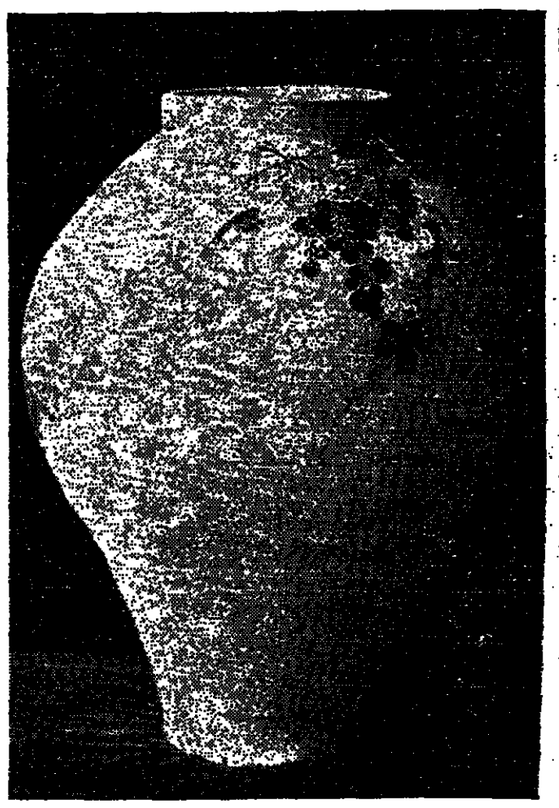
The Korean roof curves up at both corners, and both ends of the roof ridge curve up also.

Korean ceramics, especially the glazed celadon utensils of the Koryo dynasty (935-1392), are by far the most famous single class of art objects the nation has produced. The composition of the glaze and the firing techniques of the Koryo potters were forgotten even by the Yi dynasty, though later ceramics were by no means negligible in quality. Invading Japanese troops in 1592 kidnapped Korean potters to begin the Japanese fine ceramics industry, testimony to the pre-eminence assigned to Korea's ceramic arts.

The earlier earthenware pots of Silla and the Three Kingdoms have their admirers, too, who favour their simplicity and rude grace above more sophisticated products.

Literature

Certain Korean strains can be observed throughout the nation's literary history: a spirit of flexible resilience and humorous bravado in the face of adversity, balanced by nostalgia and love of nature, and allied wit an uneasy sense of the transitory and peris able quality of life. These strains relate the troubled political history of the peninsul and are deeply ingrained in the Korea character; thus, it is no surprise that they al pervade the national literature.



A Koryo ceramic water pot. World-famous Koryo celador characterized by graceful form with emphasis on slend flowing curved lines, are said to represent the unique bean of Korea.

Among the common people a travelli minstrel often chanted old stories by rote, drum accompaniment. These lengthy qua operatic epics were called *pansori*, and recent years have been adapted as mul character stage pieces.

Historical compilations like the *Samg Sagi* and *Samguk Yusa* were filled with o tales and legends. In mid-Koryo times, colle tions of old narratives, anecdotes, and piqua episodes, many showing Chinese origir presaged the development of the classic nov in the Yi period.

The Yi novels reflected social unrest a

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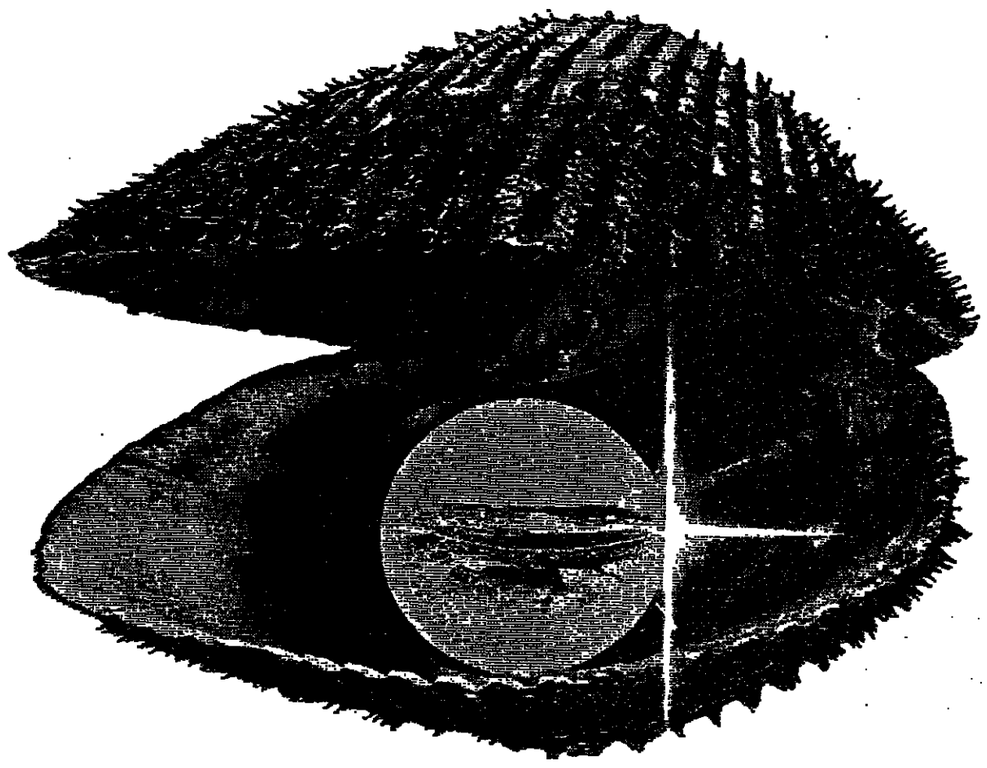

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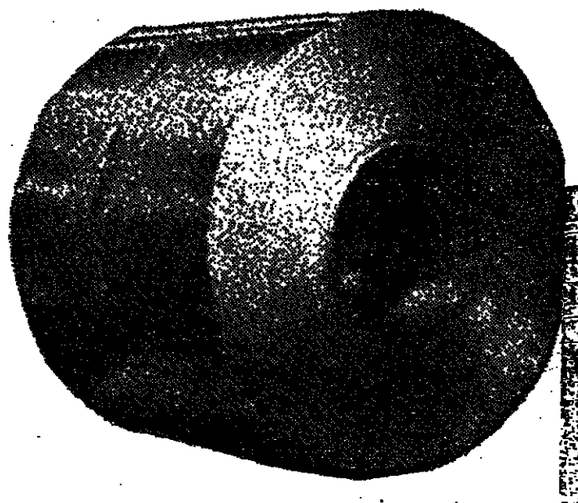

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upheavals of the era, as in *Hong Kil-dong Jon*, or religious seeking, as in *Kuun Mong* (*Cloud Dream of the Nine*). Korea's most durable love story, *Chun Hyang Jon*, often filmed and dramatized, appeared in the late 18th century, and contains elements of social protest.

Many of the classic novels are anonymous, since fiction, unlike poetry, was considered a frivolous pastime for an educated man.

Music and Dance

If Koreans are known by one trait among foreigners, it is their love for and proficiency in music and dance.

Native Korean music divides into *A-ak* (Confucian ritual music), Tang-ak and *Hyank-ak* (court ceremonial and local origin respectively), and several varieties of military, chamber, and vocal music. To these must be added Buddhist chants and the folk music and farmers' bands of the common people.

An ancient observatory called Chomsongdae is located in Kyongju, capital of the Silla Dynasty. Built in 647, it is generally believed to be the oldest astronomical observatory of its kind remaining in the world.

The court music is slow, solemn, and complex in its intertwining of long, elaborately decorated melodic lines. Ancient instruments, many adapted from Chinese prototypes, include plucked-string zithers, double reeds and flutes, and a variety of percussion. The human voice is traditionally accompanied by drum only, to mark the beat.

The dances that go with some of the court music are likewise stately, static, and highly stylized.

Folk music, in contrast, is usually fast and lively, with vigorous, athletic dancing. Irregular rhythms in compound triple time predominate. Some of the same instruments are used, but folk music relies largely on metal gongs, the hour-glass shaped drum called the *changgo*, and a loud, trumpet-like oboe.

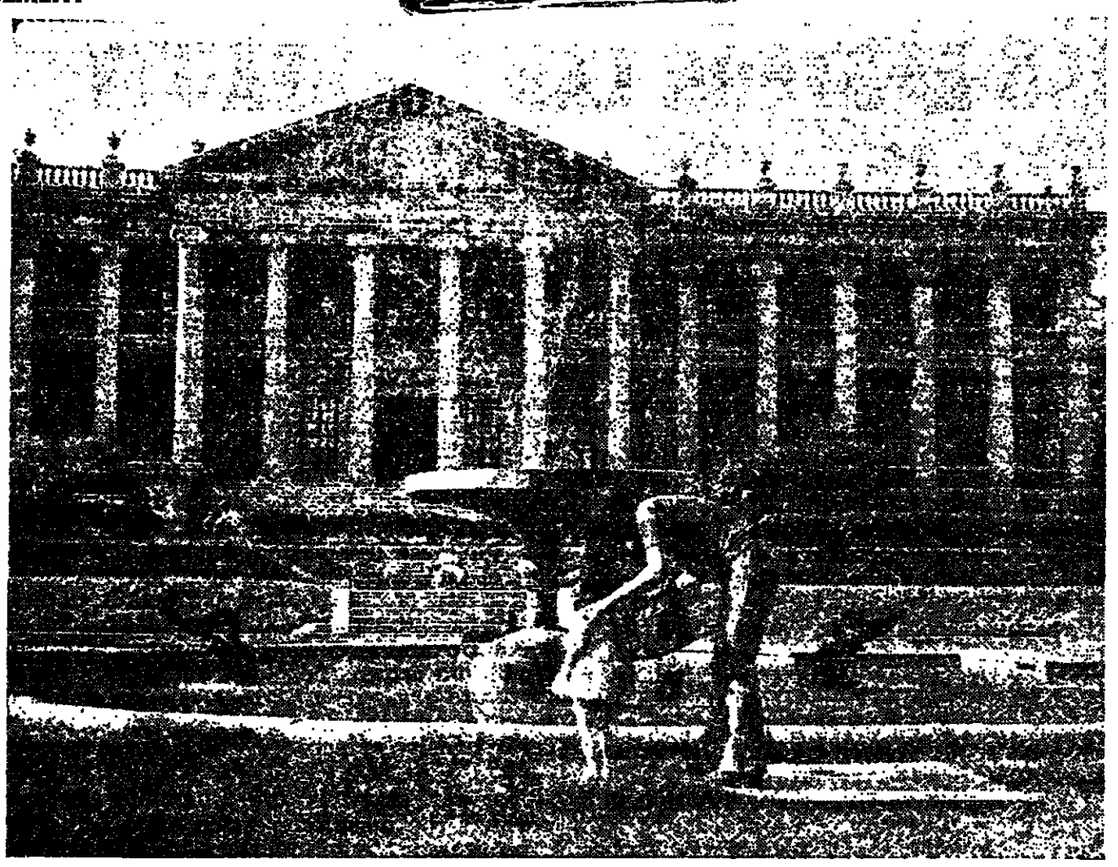
Drama and Cinema

The common people in Korea have always enjoyed a thriving tradition of mask plays: half-pantomime, half-ballet, featuring earthy satire and horseplay. Aside from these and the minstrel-like *pansori* performers there has not been a strong theatrical tradition in Korea.

After Liberation in 1945, modern drama was briefly popular, but soon succumbed to competition from radio, films, and finally television. The opening of the new National Theatre in 1973 was expected to help revitalize the theatrical arts.

Korea's first film was made in 1921, during the Japanese occupation. Cinema flourished until 1938, when political conditions caused its demise. It was not until 1955, with government assistance and newly-imported modern equipment, that Korean films began to come of age.

Despite considerable financial risk, about 200 feature films are made each year. About half that number are imported from the U.S., Europe, and friendly Asian countries. Some Korean features and documentaries have won prizes in the yearly Asian Film Festivals and other international events.



One of the several main structures of the Toksu Palace near Seoul City Hall, this stone building now houses the National Museum of Modern Art.

Religions

Korea from early times has been a country of syncretistic religions. Put more simply, in Korea the religions overlap and intermingle. Earliest and most basic of all was a primitive animism cult presided over by shamans called *mudangs*. Never formally organized into a church, this native belief still survives and influences the adaptations of Buddhism and Confucianism which came into Korea early in the Christian era, from India and China respectively.

Christianity was a late comer, never popular until the ban on it was lifted in the mid-19th century. But as bringer of Western education and political ideals, it has had an influence out of proportion to its numbers.

The largest religion in Korea is Buddhism. Confucianism, now weak as an organized cult, has spread its influence into every aspect of Korean life, with its austere ideals of loyalty, service, formalism, and scholarship.

Koreans are guaranteed unequivocal freedom of religion under today's constitution.

Education

It is the influence of Confucianism that makes Korea such an education-oriented country. Confucian scholasticism too was responsible for the overemphasis on the arts and humanities, at the expense of sciences and technical-managerial skills, that held sway until recently.

With the modernization and industrialization of the country, engineering and technological studies have been emphasized to produce a pool of skilled manpower for trade and industry.

Korea has an 88.4% literacy rate, and the enrolment in higher education is 247,610, or 78 for every thousand of the population, a remarkably high rate in a developing country.

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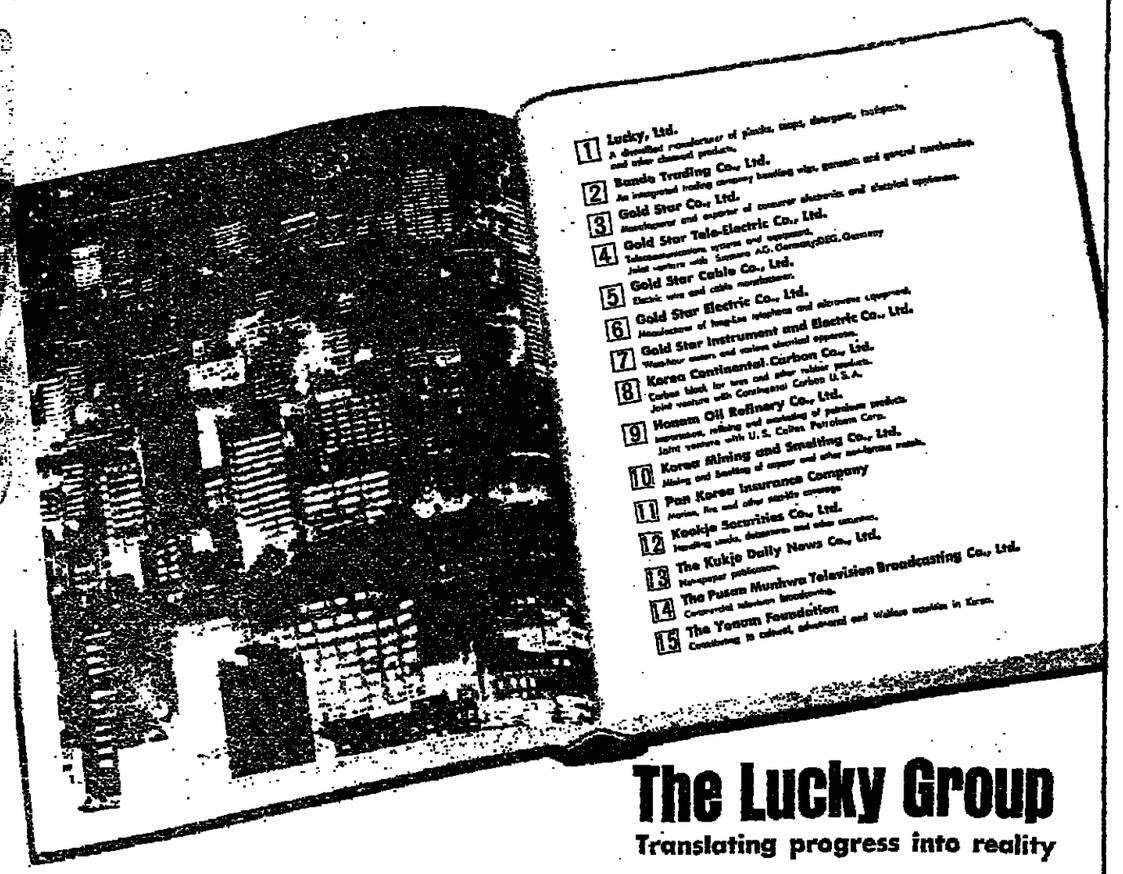

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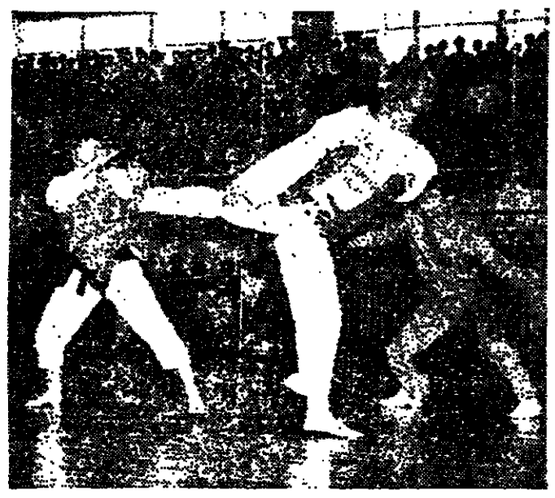
KOREA PRESERVES ANCIENT CULTURE

Korea was one of the last Asian countries to be opened to the West, and her history in modern times has not been conducive to the attraction of casual visitors. Thus it was not until the late 1960's and early 1970's that Korea's potential as a tourist destination began to be realized.

Encouraged by the gradual completion of first-class hotels and modern internal transport facilities, an ever-increasing flow of foreign tourists has begun to discover the erstwhile "Hermit Kingdom" of Asia. This increase was led by the Japanese, who started to utilize their new-found affluence for foreign travel, but also included sizeable numbers of Europeans and Americans.

What the visitor finds in Korea is a compact, picturesque land with impressive cultural remains from a long history, inhabited by a friendly, energetic and outgoing people. The combination is a winning one, especially considering the relatively low costs still prevalent in Korea.

If the traveller has time and inclination only to visit the capital city of Seoul, still he will encounter much that is rewarding. Within walking distance of the modern downtown hotels, he will find three ancient palace compounds preserved just as they were in the days of the old royal dynasty, but converted into public parks and gardens.



Two foreigners engage in a Taekwon-do match in the First International Taekwon-do Championships held in Seoul last summer. The Korean art of self-defence is being taught in many countries by Korean instructors.

The Toksu Palace, just off City Hall Plaza, is the smallest palace compound. It contains a throne room and audience hall as well as relics such as a stone water clock. Two Western-style buildings, later additions, house the National Museum of Modern Art, where permanent and special exhibitions are housed. In summer there are outdoor symphony concerts in the gardens, where in autumn a giant Chrysanthemum Show is held.

The Kyongbok Palace lies just behind the national capitol. Its grounds are extensive but many of the structures were dismantled during the Japanese occupation. However, it is the site of the imposing new National Museum, where tens of thousands of artifacts from past centuries are on display. These objects of aesthetic and archaeological interest range from gold crowns dug up from ancient royal tombs to great iron Buddha images, delicate jewelry, and the fine celadon and porcelain ceramic masterpieces for which Korea is most noted.

Not far away is the Changdok Palace, perhaps the most interesting of all, since it preserves the living quarters and furnishings used by the royal family, plus royal costumes, vehicles, and many other historical mementoes. The large Secret Gardens are adjacent to the palace buildings, where gorgeous flowering shrubs half conceal the colourful pleasure pavilions and artificial ponds that dot the landscape. There is a big zoo and amusement park next door.

One may also visit Korea House, a government-maintained traditional mansion where folk dance shows are held regularly.

For those interested in modern amusements, the major hotels boast fine restaurants serving Korean, Japanese, Chinese and Western foods, in addition to night clubs. There is also a gaming casino at the Walker Hill resort.

No tourist should miss the chance of doing some shopping, and acquiring a selection of typical native items, including fine brass and lacquerware. There are bargains to be had in leather goods, jewelry, custom-made clothing and many other items too.

Only thirty minutes from downtown Seoul by bus on the southern expressway is a unique new facility where in an easy half-day the traveller can get a glimpse of the old rural Korea, now fast disappearing. This is the Korean Folk Village, where farmhouses, public buildings, and wealthy homes are duplicated from those of the past in exact detail. The village is not a museum, but a functioning community where farmers and artisans may be observed—and photographed—performing their old tasks in the old ways.

As part of full-fledged government endeavours to explore energy sources a new hydro-power station was built in the northern outskirts of Seoul. The Paltang Dam, featuring the "low-head valve-type" power plant, is the fourth hydro electric plant erected along the Han River.

Here one sees a scholarly calligrapher and a herbal pharmacist at work; farmers threshing grain with flails; craftsmen making reed hats, straw mats, cotton cloth and clay pottery. All this takes place amidst the domestic furnishings and decorations of the past, each detail of costume and equipment being authentic. There are also folk dances and simulated village ceremonies typical of a period about 200 years ago.

For those with more time or initiative, Korea is dotted with splendid Buddhist temples and scenic vistas. Perhaps the best place to visit is Kyongju, once the capital of the Silla kingdom over 1,500 years ago. Royal tomb mounds there are in process of excavation, and the treasures thus discovered are on view in the national museum branch nearby. The entire town is a "museum without walls", with many imposing remains of ancient times, such as a stone observatory tower and a stone-lined underground "royal ice box".

Just outside Kyongju lies the huge Bulkuk-sa Temple, which has now been fully restored to its ancient splendour, repository of many national treasures. And on a nearby mountain peak, reached by paved roadway, stands the unique grotto shrine called Sokkulam, where rays from the rising sun above the distant sea at dawn strike the forehead of the great granite Buddha image, surrounded by masterly bas reliefs in a domed chamber. This shrine is regarded as one of the towering masterpieces of East Asian Buddhist art.

In a few years Kyongju will be the site of an ambitious resort complex now under construction, with 3,000 modern hotel rooms. The Bomun Lake Resort, financed in part by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development plus private and government investment, bids fair to be one of the major pleasure palaces of the East.

Of course the visitor should also make the easy two-hour flight to Cheju Island, a volcanic land mass off the southern coast, whose subtropical climate permits the raising of citrus fruit, and whose warm waters invite swimmers, as well as the attentions of hardy diving women who harvest seafood from the depths. Here as elsewhere tourists will find a modern luxury hotel and every convenience.

Another major attraction is the Sorak Mountain National Park on the east coast, where in autumn the fantastically shaped steep granite peaks are shrouded by milky mists and festooned with brilliantly coloured leaves; and where snow sports are the main activity in winter.

Then there is the Hallyo Inland Waterway, strewn with jewel-like islands and grotesque lava rocks—the stately Haein-sa Temple with its collection of 80,000 carved wooden printing blocks of Buddhist scripture—peaceful Songni Mountain with its hiking trails snaking up to remote shrines and hermitages and guest houses.

Indeed, today's Korea has something for everyone, as more and more world travellers are finding out, with pleased surprise.

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Ministers likely o face call for orker directors t Leyland

. W. Shakespeare

ospects of government vention in British Leyland generally welcomed by the unions, which throughout year have been increasingly ied by employment pros-

Since January BLMC's floor labour force has been ced by about 10,000 gh "natural wastage".

is clear that the issue of er participation will be one is strongly pressed on the rnment from trade union ers. Last night Mr Bob k, district secretary of the lgamated Union of neering Workers at Preston responsible for the area in British Leyland's five bus truck factories operate. ted this point.

Crook, who is also district tary of the Confederation hipbuilding and Engineer- Unions said: "We believe a capital injection is sary, but I would hope if the Government is going ject some money, then should be some public ol of the situation.

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Eddie McGarry of the port and General Workers', , convener at Rover ph and chairman of the h Leyland joint shop stew- combine, possibly the most ful shopfloor organiza- in British industry, said f the public was going to a financial stake in British nd there must not only be accountability, but rical trade union repre- tion on the board".

s did not mean just a representation, perhaps gh a single appointment, ull participation in decision-making. He said that with such union representation many disputes, like the present one on lay-off pay which has made nearly 10,000 Triumph workers idle, would not happen.

He was delighted with the move towards state participation. "It is in line with our policy and with Labour Party policies for saving and creating jobs", he said.

State participation in the motor industry, and full-scale nationalization in due course, would certainly be in line with the declared policies of the TGWU's automotive group and the AUEW, the two main car unions.

A state takeover of car plants and leading components suppliers has also been a part of the "plan for engineering" made by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions.

£16 a week call: More than 4,000 production workers at British Leyland's car assembly plant at Cowley voted overwhelmingly yesterday to seek a £16 a week pay rise. They want their hourly rate raised by 40p to £1.68p, which will give them more than £67 a week.

As news of British Leyland's financial troubles broke yesterday, more workers were being laid off at the corporation's Triumph plants because of the strike by 1,000 assembly workers in Coventry.

In all, more than 11,000 workers are now idle, including 8,000 in Coventry, 2,700 in Liverpool and 450 in Birmingham.

The assembly track men are demanding payment for time lost when laid off because of a two-week stoppage by white-collar control room staff at the Coventry factory.

LMC's market value is t at only £41.5m

reaction to the news of government's intervention ne of little surprise. The 's investment status has orated steadily over the 18 months or so and from 2 peak of 57½p the shares already fallen as low as 7p of yesterday's announce-

last night's unchanged g price of 7p (after a " of 6½p) the company is d in the market at £41.5m ivalent to about 2½ per f annual sales.

ough the stock market over £50m for the company early in 1972, the City has since then become increasingly dubious about the longer term prospects for the group.

Net cash balances of £51m at the end of the 1972/73 year provided some solace, but the rise in interest charges in the results for the first six months of the current year suggested that these balances had by then been more than eroded.

Although results for the second half are expected to show a considerable improvement over the first half loss of £17m, the dividend is expected to be severely pruned.

Austin-Morris counts cost of 3-day week and constant stoppages

Britain's carmakers face battle for survival as foreign rivals move in and markets shrink

By Clifford Webb

Despite the world recession in car sales which began in autumn, 1973, British Leyland's biggest problem throughout 1974 has been its inability to produce sufficient cars, particularly Austin-Morris models.

Along with other United Kingdom motor manufacturers it suffered heavy production losses during the miners' strike and the three-day week. And with continuing industrial disputes in its Longbridge and Cowley plants, the corporation was left short of cars at a time when British demand remained buoyant.

This failure to meet demand is emphasized by the company's poor sales performance last month. Official new car registration details are not available but reliable industry sources report that BL's share in November was only 29 per cent compared with its traditional 35 per cent.

All United Kingdom motor firms were in a similar position, however, with Ford down to 21 per cent, Chrysler 7.5 per cent and Vauxhall a disastrous all-time low of 4.8 per cent; while Datsun doubled its share taking a remarkable 10 per cent. Imports accounted for 35 per cent of November sales.

The industry now expects 1974 new car registrations to reach 1.3 million, some 300,000 down on 1973. It forecasts that 1975 will be even worse with a year-end total of 1.1 million.

This further fall in the home market allied to the worldwide recession inevitably means tougher competition as manufacturers fight what for many is a life-and-death struggle for survival.

But in fighting the present battle the long term future of Britain's only wholly-owned motor group must not be overlooked.

As well as the short-term cash flow crisis which BL faces along with the rest of the world's motor manufacturers, it is heavily committed to a modernization and expansion programme which simply cannot be financed in the company's present parlous position.

Without it, however, BL will emerge from the present crisis in an even weaker state.

The estimated £500m which was to be spent over five years starting last year has been heavily pruned already and surviving projects will now be spread over seven years.

Reliable sources said last night that the completion of expansion schemes already begun—some are past the halfway stage—will require at least £250m. No less than £150m is earmarked for the expansion of Rover Triumph, the group's profitable executive saloon and sports car operation.

The first entirely new car factory since BL was formed over six years ago is being built on land adjoining the Rover works at Solihull. Building work is well advanced on a revolutionary two-tier paint and assembly plant which is to produce the SD 1, a medium-sized executive saloon due out next autumn.

A new Triumph sports car, code-named the Bullet, is scheduled to appear late next year or early 1976.

A much earlier arrival will be the replacement for the Austin-Morris 1800, code-named the ADO 71, which should be launched in the spring. It cannot be delayed much after then without heavy cost penalties and widespread disruption and unemployment in the component industry.

One of the most important projects is the £15m engine factory being completed at Longbridge, the group's biggest car producing complex. Tied in with this, although on another site, is a proposed new aluminium foundry to supply engine blocks for the new family of alloy engines.

Jaguar, Coventry, a consistent profit earner, has embarked on a £60m programme to double production to around 60,000 cars a year. A new model is already in the pre-production stage but no launching date has yet been announced. It is widely reported to be a styled replacement for the E-type sports car.

Another area in which investment is already committed is the profitable truck and bus division which is still not meeting worldwide demand for its products.

Two months ago Mr Ron Ellis, the division's managing director, announced that £30m is being spent over the next year or so to remove production bottlenecks.

With continental and Swedish truck manufacturers now firmly established in the British market and reports that they will soon be joined by the Japanese, Mr Ellis cannot increase his exports without opening his home market still further to imports.

Peugeot and Citroën will retain separate identities after merger

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Dec 6

The marriage between Peugeot and Citroën was solemnized today by a communiqué setting out the financial terms of the contract.

Under its terms, each company continues to preserve its own separate identity and management, and its own range of vehicles, but the Peugeot group assumes from today onwards financial direction of Citroën.

The announcement comes within three days of the French government's decision to make a loan of 1,000m francs (about £93m) available to Citroën, to enable the company, which has been labouring under a deficit amounting to 1,800m francs, to put its affairs in order.

It will pave the way for today's creation of the second largest motor-manufacturing group in France, after the state-owned firm of Renault.

Renault's production target for this year is 1,400,000 vehicles. Peugeot and Citroën last year turned out 684,538 and 658,829 respectively.

The merger is designed to strengthen the competitive position of French motor manufacturing in the context of the present world recession in the motor industry; and to safeguard the jobs of French automobile workers.

Under the agreement announced this morning, the Michelin tyre company, which has had a controlling interest in Citroën since 1934, and Peugeot have decided to create a holding company, the Sonedia, directed and administered by Peugeot, which will control both car manufacturing firms, Peugeot Automobiles SA and Citroën Automobiles SA.

Michelin will remain during the first phase the majority shareholder of Citroën, but the Peugeot share will take its place within a year, according to the official communiqué

The Peugeot and Michelin groups have decided to make to Citroën shareholders a public offer of exchange of their share against Michelin and Peugeot convertible debentures, on the basis of two Peugeot debentures plus one Michelin debenture for 30 Citroën shares.

The financial plan for Citroën for 1975 drawn up by the two companies involves rationalizations and economies and the final support of Michelin, the reinvestment of 300m francs of the sale of the Berliet truck firm to Renault by Citroën, and the 1,000m francs loan of the government's economic development fund.

As part of the rationalization, Citroën will adopt the same organization as Peugeot, with an advisory board and a directorate replacing the existing board of directors and general management.

The advisory board will be presided over by M Francois Gautier, the president of Peugeot, and M Paul Perrin, also of Peugeot; and M Tourand, and M Depré, both of Citroën.

The members of the directorate will be M Taylor, who will share it, and M Lombard, both of Peugeot, and M Raymond Ravanel, the president and managing director of Citroën.

Citroën will also preserve its own series of models, and its own completely separate commercial network.

At the latest stage, production of the older models of Citroën like the DS, and the Ami-6, and the 2CV, will be progressively stopped, and the company will specialize in certain fields for which there is a particular market.

The rationalization might also involve the production of basic models upon which each firm would put different bodies.

VW putting 30,000 on short time

Wolfsburg, Dec 6.—Volkswagen said today that it would lay off 30,000 of the 54,000 workers at its four German plants other than Emden and Wolfsburg from December 16 to 20 and an undecided number in all six plants from January 2 to 10, after the Christmas break.

The December lay-offs will be the tenth period of short-time at VW this year. The last was for 36,700 workers from November 25 to 29.

A VW spokesman said the total domestic workforce was around 112,000.

In Cologne, German Ford said it would offer cash payments to workers who volunteered to end their contracts. The company cited the domestic sales slump and export difficulties. Ford estimates its excess workforce at between 4,500 and 5,000.

A spokesman said up to 16,400 workers would be laid off for between eight and 13 days from mid-December to mid-January. Some of them may take the lay-off period as part of their annual holiday.

Ford's total German workforce is around 50,000, including 10,000 white-collar workers.—Reuter.

Mr Varley reassures N Sea groups on development controls

By Roger Vielvoye

Companies with North Sea oilfields have been told that there will be no restraints on the development of discoveries made up to the end of next year.

In an attempt to eliminate growing fears that restrictions on development might affect company operations, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Energy, yesterday announced policy guidelines on the depletions of the nation's offshore oil reserves.

Together with the decision to publish the rate of the petroleum revenue tax early in the New Year rather than in the Budget, the policy should make talks on state participation in existing commercial oil discoveries easier.

Mr Varley has made it clear that the Government does not wish to do anything that will discourage or delay the exploration and exploitation of North Sea oil discoveries. He is concerned that the target of producing 100 million to 140 million tons of oil from offshore waters by 1980 should be achieved.

Government policy on the development of United Kingdom refining and the disposal of North Sea oil was also outlined by Mr Varley.

He said the Government did not expect more than two thirds of North Sea output to be refined in Britain, but he wanted a change in the balance of refining operations, to reduce the substantial imports of petrol and naphtha and exports of heavy fuel oil.

Mr Varley told the House of Commons that he did not expect to use the authority to control the depletion of oil reserves until the 1980s. The extent of this power would depend on the size of total finds, the world oil market and the demand for energy.

Policy would also be influenced by Britain's general economic situation and in particular the balance of payments outlook. The Government, therefore, could not be expected to define a long term production pattern before any oil had come ashore and when large parts of the sea remained unexplored.

"On the other hand these powers may be needed in the future to safeguard national interests. However much oil we find, it is limited and can be used only once, Mr Varley said.

"This and future governments must therefore ensure that this viral national resource will be used at a rate which secures the greatest long-term benefit to the nation's economy, and in particular, to Scotland, Wales and other parts of the United Kingdom in need of development."

Outline policy states that there will be no delays on the development of finds made up to the end of 1975 under existing licences. For these discoveries, there would be no cuts in production until 1982 or until four years after the start of production, whichever was the later.

Mr Varley promised consultation with the companies if it proved necessary to delay the development of finds made in 1976 or later, so that premature investment was avoided.

Once these fields were in production, there would be no production cuts until 150 per cent of the capital investment had been recovered.

Generally cuts would be limited to a maximum of 20 per cent, and consultations would be held with the oil industry to fix a period of notice for the introduction of output restrictions.

The Government was aware that the growing offshore supply industry in the United Kingdom needed a continuing and stable market.

Mr Varley said crude oil refinery production should be between 100 million and 150 million tons a year in the 1980s, worth on present prices about £5,000m a year. Demand would be about 120 million tons.

It was not feasible to meet all the nation's demands from indigenous sources, because North Sea crude was light, and unsuitable for making bitumen and lubricating oils. Some imports would be needed.

The low sulphur content would ensure that North Sea oil commanded higher prices than lower quality imports from the Middle East. There would be a ready market in Europe and elsewhere for the crude not refined in Britain.

Mr Varley said he was looking for an increase in upgraded capacity to convert heavier fractions of oil into petrol and naphtha.

This would avoid the need for costly imports of refined products and provide a good base for an expanding petrochemical industry with a secure feedstock source.

Saudi Arabia takes over Aramco by agreement

By Our Energy Correspondent

A basic agreement on a 100 per cent Saudi Arabian government takeover of the American owned Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) has been reached according to a Middle East Economic Survey report from Riyadh.

Some important points of detail remain to be worked out between the government and the four partners in Aramco—Exxon, Texaco, Standard Oil of California and Mobil.

But they are expected to be dealt with speedily and Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabian oil minister, will have meetings in London tomorrow with the minority holders. Also present will be William P. Tavoulareas, president of Mobil.

Saudi Arabia has already negotiated a 60 per cent interest in Aramco which controls the richest oil concessions anywhere in the world. According to MEES the former owners of Aramco will be guaranteed access to a certain amount of crude at prevailing prices, although the amount has not yet been fixed. The companies will continue to run the oilfields, as they have done in the past, but will be paid a fee for their work.

The 100 per cent takeover in Saudi Arabia is likely to set a pattern for further state participation in oil concessions in other Middle East states.

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Opposition mounts to BSC's control of Firth Brown despite Europe approval

By Peter Hill and Margaret Drummond

Qualified clearance has been received by the British Steel Corporation from the EEC Commission to go ahead with its plans to acquire a controlling interest in the private sector steelmaking group of Johnson and Firth Brown (JFB).

This controversial decision has heightened the concern already expressed by the JFB management and workforce over the prospect of an extension of the state steel undertaking's interests and reinforced their opposition to the possibility, particularly in view of the interest shown in the company by potential suitors in the private sector.

Last night Mr Philip Ling, director and general manager of JFB, described the situation as "a national scandal". Although no confirmation was forthcoming from the company, it is believed that an appeal against the commission's ruling has been lodged with the European Courts of Justice in Luxembourg.

The future of the Sheffield-based group also places the Government in a tricky situation in view of the opposition of the workforce to a BSC takeover, although the corporation has given the impression that, in the context of the Government's industrial policy, it proposes to move quickly on the JFB position.

BSC, which revealed last night that it had been talking to interested parties in JFB over the past six months—well ahead of the crisis which befell Jessel Securities, which owns about 34 per cent of the JFB equity, has already made a formal offer for the entire JFB equity, believed to be in excess of £16m.

BSC faces competition from private sector suitors in the shape of the Laird Group, which controls Patent Shaft Steelworks, an important private sector steel producer, and also from Dunford & Elliott, which owns 6.5 per cent of Firth Brown.

In its ruling the commission, which is responsible for acquisitions in the Community's steel industry, said the acquisition of JFB by BSC would not have a significant effect on competition providing that BSC divested itself of ownership and control in two other JFB companies. These are the Glasgow-based William Beardmore and Co and Johnson and Nephew (Mill Street) of Manchester.

Beardmore is responsible for virtually all the forging ingots and blooms made by the JFB group, while the Manchester concern manufactures wire rods. The commission said that if BSC retained control of Beardmore it would be responsible for 84 per cent and 100 per cent respectively of the United Kingdom supply of forging ingots and blooms—taking account of BSC's own production facilities—and would have power to impede effective competition in that market.

Referring to Johnson and Nephew, the commission said that if it continued to be controlled by BSC, only one substantial competitor would be left in the United Kingdom market for wire rods and BSC would account for 77 per cent of British wire rod production.

The commission has therefore granted approval to a BSC acquisition of JFB on condition that within a year at the latest, BSC divests itself of all rights in the two JFB companies and, "meanwhile refrains from interfering with the direction and commercial independence of those two companies".

BSC said it had applied to the commission in order to "ascertain the likely reaction of the commission to the various possibilities as to the future ownership of all or part of the 34 per cent shareholding".

But the Government faces vehement opposition to a BSC takeover from the local trade unions in JFB who, earlier this week, submitted to Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, a scheme—which he had asked for—on their proposals for steelmaking in the Sheffield area in view of the JFB situation.

Mr Henry Hudson: top post at Lloyd's after 36 years.

Next chairman of Lloyd's is Mr H. Hudson

Mr Henry Hudson, the marine underwriter with Hudson & Vernon, will become the new chairman of the Committee of Lloyd's, the world's leading insurance underwriters, in the new year. He succeeds Mr Paul Dixey.

Mr Hudson, 55, has been working at Lloyd's for 36 years and became an underwriting member in 1952.

Yesterday's elections provided Lloyd's not only with a new chairman but also two new deputies to succeed Mr Jack Creswell and Mr Thomas Langton.

The new men are Mr Leslie Dew, 60, who is chairman and non-marine underwriter for the R. J. M. Merrett Group, and Mr Alec Higgins, 60, a broker who is chairman of Higgins & Doble and Woods & Maslen.

Shares fall back to 16-year low

By Our Financial Staff

Equities returned to their 16 year low point yesterday on the London stock market after a statement from Mr Benn on the future of BLMC, and rumours—later denied—of cash problems at Burmah Oil.

Selling of equities was light, but the fall steepened in late dealings on the news that shares in Phillips Petroleum were not at first traded when Wall Street opened for business.

The *FT* index fell 3.0 points to 163.2, to match the 16 year low registered on Tuesday. This index has lost 5.3 over the two week account. *The Times* index shed 0.97 to 64.34.

Shares of BLMC dipped to an all-time low of 6½p at first but rallied ahead of Mr Benn's statement to end the day unchanged at 7p.

The rumours regarding Burmah Oil, which also suggested that the shares were about to be suspended, drove the price down to 114p, a net 10p off in spite of the denial from the group.

Reports of cash problems in the oil industry have been circulating in the City for several weeks. BP fell 12p to 208p yesterday and Shell closed 6p off at 133p.

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Port charges up in new year

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

More port charges are to go up on January 1 in line with London's recently announced 20 per cent.

Liverpool rates will go up by 20 per cent on goods and 15 per cent on ships on January 1, Mersey Docks stated yesterday. Charges in British Transport Docks Board ports, including Southampton and Hull, by an average of 9 per cent. The Forth Port Authority is putting its charges up by 20-25 per cent on the same day.

Announcing the rise the BTDB warned that a further increase in the first half of next year was "unavoidable" if the board was to remain financially secure.

Tanker rates to rise 40-45 pc

Worldscale, the schedule by which all tanker freight rates are assessed, is to be sharply revalued from January 1, according to ship brokers here.

Although no announcement from the compilers, the International Tanker Nominal Freight Scale Association, is expected before December 15, it is understood that the Rate for a Mena al Ahmadi to Rotterdam—the basic "PG West—voyage will be increased by 40 to 45 per cent.

Worldscale 100 for a Mena al Ahmadi to Rotterdam voyage equates to $10.37 per ton. The new schedule is expected to take that to between $14.50 and $15.00 per ton.

Its probable effect on tanker freights will be visibly to halve them.

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ernment efforts to peg discounts on bread may he ability of shops to cut competitively, the Depart- of Prices and Consumer tion said yesterday.

was confirmed after s of voluntary grocery under the aegis of the utors' working party of onfederation of British ty had protested to Mr MacLennan, Parliamen- nder-Secretary for Prices onsumer Protection.

department said it wanted discounts to a maximum per cent

Accelerating unemployment faces Bonn

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The total of 799,300 represents an increase of 127,000 on October and of 467,500 over November last year. The rate of increase of unemployment was itself accelerating, Dr Stingl said, and the increase was well above the normal seasonal one.

This clearly visible slackening in the West German economy, he added, would "with certainty" lead to a total of one million jobless in January or February, as large numbers of redundancies were expected after the holidays.

The number on short time also increased sharply, by almost 100,000 to 461,448, a record. Another 300,000 workers had been notified that they would soon be going on short time, but not all of these may in the end be affected.

In mid-November, 6,600 factories were operating short time working, the main industries affected being cars, electrics, machine tools, metal products, chemical and plastic processing, textiles and clothing.

Only 213,000 vacancies existed on November 30; and this rapid deterioration on the labour market is likely to have two main political consequences.

First, pressure on the Government to reflate will increase considerably. The Cabinet has been looking at ways of doing this over the past month, but is holding its hand until it has before it the views of the Americans and of the rest of the European community.

Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, is in Washington to find out the Americans' view and plans. Next week, he will attend the EEC summit in Paris, which will be largely concerned with the economic situation. Only then, knowing the plans of West Germany's partners for their own economies, will the Cabinet decide on its measures.

A sweeping reform of the tax system, including larger children's allowances, will put billions of marks of extra spending power into the economy early next year and should help to counter unemployment.

The second political problem likely to arise concerns the 2,500,000 foreign workers in the country. The Government and industry can be expected to come under increasing pressure to put the West German worker first.

So far, the Government has stoutly resisted any idea of such discrimination against foreign workers but major employers may feel unable to show the same delicacy. The economies of many countries in southern Europe, from Portugal to Turkey would feel the effect.

Belgian bank's foreign exchange deal losses

Brussels, Dec 6.—Banque de Bruxelles SA's losses on unauthorized foreign exchange operations, announced in October, will be closer to 1,500m francs (about £17m) than to 600m francs, a bank spokesman said today. But the bank maintained its expectation that the loss would be within those limits.—Reuter.

How the markets moved

FT index: 163.2 −3.0
The Times index: 64.34 −0.97

Rises

Anglo Am Corp	15p to 352p	Hoescht	10p to 360p
Broken Hill	18p to 502p	Ldn City Wetlif	1p to 6½p
Churchbury Est	9p to 58p	Marievale Con	15p to 600p
Commerzbank	10p to 940p	Middle Wits	10p to 380p
Furness Withy	10p to 138p	Renwick Grp	2p to 16p
GEC	1p to 52p	Scapa Grp	4p to 35p
Geduld Inv	10p to 260p	Wingate Inv	1p to 11½p

Falls

Barclays Bank	2p to 120p	Nelson Fin	5p to 180p
Boots	3p to 98p	Plessey	2p to 44p
Courtaulds	1p to 33p	Ropner Hldgs	4p to 18p
Fisons	5p to 148p	Shell	6p to 133p
GKN	7p to 100p	Staflex Int	3½p to 24½p
Hoover	5p to 120p	Tace Ltd	2p to 11p
Lion Int	3p to 25p	Unilever	2p to 163p

Equities fell back in thin trade.

Gilt-edged securities were easier.

Sterling rose by five points yesterday to $2.3300. The "effective devaluation" rate was 20.5 per cent.

Gold closed 50 cents higher on the day yesterday at $179.25 an oz.

SDR-$ was 1.208120 while SDR-£ was 0.518595.

Commodities: Reuters' commodity index rose by 8.1 points yesterday to 1,215.4. Copper was higher.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.82	1.77
Austria Sch	42.50	40.50
Belgium Fr	89.75	87.00
Canada $	2.345	2.295
Denmark Kr	14.05	13.65
Finland Mkk	8.75	8.50
France Fr	10.95	10.65
Germany DM	5.90	5.70
Greece Dr	75.75	72.50
Hongkong $	11.50	11.15
Italy Lr	1600.00	1550.00
Japan Yn	725.00	700.00
Netherlands Gld	6.10	5.90
Norway Kr	12.75	12.40
Portugal Esc	59.00	56.75
S Africa Rd	1.81	1.74
Spain Pes	136.25	131.25
Sweden Kr	10.10	9.80
Switzerland Fr	6.35	6.10
US $	2.37	2.32
Yugoslavia Dnr	44.00	41.75

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to currency accounts and other foreign currency business.

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Taxation

Shares can be better than a cash dividend

When writing about scrip dividend options a month ago I said that in deciding whether to elect for a scrip dividend or cash the tax consequences deserve as much consideration as the risk element involved in going for a larger stake in the company.

Many readers have asked if I will discuss the tax consequences in greater detail and their interest reflects the growing tendency of companies to offer scrip (fully paid ordinary shares) as an alternative to cash. Tesco did so quite recently, so did Davy International, UK Optical and Simon Engineering, to name but a few. The number of shareholders taking advantage of the option in Simon Engineering was fairly representative of the general trend, about 25 per cent.

This practice has grown since the change in company tax law on April 1, 1973. Previously there was a special piece of law (section 236 of the Taxes Act, 1970) under which companies were required to pay income tax on the scrip and the shareholder had to pay surtax, if liable to that type of tax, on the gross amount of the dividend. For capital gains tax purposes the amount of the net dividend was treated as part of the cost of the enlarged holding.

On April 1, 1973, however, the new "imputation" system of corporation tax was introduced and section 236 was repealed. As a result, companies do not have to pay ACT (advance corporation tax) on the fully paid shares nor, of course, the 50 per cent surcharge imposed for this year only, and are thus able to conserve cash if shareholders take up the scrip dividend.

The shareholder is not liable to income tax on the scrip and faces no tax bill until the shares are sold, when capital gains tax may arise.

Shareholders who take a cash dividend are liable to income tax and to the investment income surcharge on the grossed up figure, but whether there will be any tax depends on each person's taxable income and the level of investment income. The basic rate tax is paid at source by the company (this is the "tax credit" that appears on the dividend voucher). So the shareholder who is taxable only at the basic rate will have no tax to pay.

To be in this position his income from all sources, including the gross amount of the dividend, and after personal allowances and reliefs have been deducted, must not exceed £4,500. But there will be a surcharge to pay if the grossed up amount of his investment income exceeds £1,000. The surcharge is 10 per cent on the next £1,000 and 15 per cent on the balance.

It may be that the shareholder has no taxable income at all. His allowances and reliefs may exceed his income, in which case he will be entitled to a refund of the basic rate tax deducted at source on the cash dividends.

CASH DIVIDEND VERSUS SCRIP DIVIDEND OPTION

Assume dividend received £67, tax credit £33, gross £100
or
capital gain £67

	CASH DIVIDEND (Income tax payable on gross dividend) Rate	Amount	SCRIP DIVIDEND (Capital gains tax on gain) Rate	Amount
Exempt person	Tax reclaimable	£33	None	—
Basic rate taxpayer—gross investment income below £1,000	Paid at source	—	16.5%	£11
—gross investment income between £1,000-£2,000	Surcharge 10%	£10	21.5%	£15
—gross investment income over £2,000	Surcharge 15%	£15	24.0%	£16
			Max	
Higher rate taxpayer—38%	Additional 5% payable	£5	30%	£20
—43%	Additional 10% payable	£10	30%	£20
—48%	Additional 15% payable	£15	30%	£20
—53%	Additional 20% payable	£20	30%	£20
etc.				
	PLUS			
—gross investment income between £1,000-£2,000	Surcharge 10%	£10		
	or			
—gross investment income over £2,000	Surcharge 15%	£15		

Alternatively, the shareholder may be liable at the higher rates of tax, ranging from 38 to 83 per cent. In such a case, by taking a cash dividend there will be further tax to pay on the gross amount of the dividend, less the 33 per cent basic rate paid at source. Additionally, there may be the 10 or 15 per cent surcharge.

If for example, the top rate of a shareholder is 48 per cent (taxable income in the £6,000/£7,000 range) and the dividends attract the 15 per cent surcharge, there will be additional tax to pay of 30 per cent (that is 48 per cent, less the 33 per cent basic rate, plus the 15 per cent surcharge).

What if the shareholder takes scrip instead of cash? The shares will have a market value equal, or approximately equal, to the amount of the cash dividend. If the shares maintain their value—and this is the least of the shareholder's hopes — a capital gain will be made, by the time the total holding is finally sold, equivalent to the amount of the cash dividend foregone.

The maximum capital gains tax rate is 30 per cent, but there is an alternative basis of calculating the liability if the result is lower than this. Half the gain (up to £5,000) and the whole of the gain over £5,000 is treated as the highest part of the individual's income, taxable at his income tax and surcharge rates. The effect for an exempt person with a modest gain is that no capital gains tax is payable, and for the basic rate taxpayer the liability is 16.5 per cent.

As a general guide for readers the attached table summarises the comparative tax consequences of taking a cash dividend or scrip. Providing the shares do not suddenly appreciate in value—highly unlikely at present—the conclusion for the exempt person is clear. He will be better off taking a cash dividend and claiming back the basic rate tax.

Further up the scale, the 53 per cent higher rate taxpayer, who is also paying the 15 per cent surcharge, will be better off taking scrip and paying tax of £20 on a £67 gain rather than £35 (£53 less basic rate tax £33 plus £15 surcharge) on a £100 dividend—provided the shares do not lose their value too dramatically.

For those between these two extremes the position is by no means so clearcut. Much depends on whether the shareholder needs the cash to maintain him in the manner to which he is accustomed, and on how he sees the future trend of the market.

Vera Di Palma

Assurance

More about cove in ill-health

Two weeks ago I looked at some of the health problems which may cause little or no difficulty so far as life assurance is concerned.

Unfortunately, not all impairments fall into that category. Life offices are anxious to help as much as possible, particularly in view of the advances in medical knowledge, but, at *the end of the day, they are in* business to make profits—for the benefit of profit-sharing policyholders and shareholders in the case of proprietary companies and solely for the former in the case of mutuals.

If anybody with a health impairment wants a long-term policy, the office will be uncertain about how to treat the request unless it knows something of the long-term survival rate for that particular impairment.

Although individual medical examinations are made, to discover the nature and severity of impairments, life assurance offices are using statistics compiled from groups of people similar impairments and they then strike an average rate.

Sometimes diabetics think they are uninsurable. This is by no means so. One leading office in the field of impaired lives, the Sun Life Assurance Society, was giving cover for diabetics even before the discovery of insulin.

For anyone who develops diabetes at a comparatively young age, much depends on whether there are complications. For instance, life assurance should be obtainable, provided blood pressure is not unduly raised, the kidneys are not degenerating, and so on.

The term of the policy may very well depend on the length of time since the discovery of the diabetes.

It is a fact of life that it is always best to arrange life assurance as early as possible. This is even more important for a diabetic. Thus anyone who discovers that he or she is a diabetic when still comparatively young should step up the cover straight away.

The terms will become more sever the longer is the interval since the diabetes was discovered.

There are less serious problems for those who discover that they are diabetics in middle age since often it will be possible to control it by diet alone.

High blood pressure, also, can cause difficulties. Most life offices have what can best be described as "standard" blood *pressures and allow some toler*ance above those levels before quoting special terms.

But life offices sometimes appear to be unduly harsh if they ask for an additional premium from somebody with raised blood pressure when his doctor is not treating it in any way. The reason for this is simply that after weighing the pros and cons often a doctor may think it best not to treat the condition. But it cannot be ignored by the life office.

Probably terms will be offered for some class of life assurance (even though it may be quite a short term). But there may be some cases of raised blood pressure which are so severe that an office is not prepared to quote.

If the pressure is well controlled, a proposer's chances are better. But the company would need to see that the treatment had been effective over a reasonable period—perhaps for a year or two.

In considering a case, both the degree of control and the length of time for which it has been effective are important to a life office.

Anybody who has had a *coronary thrombosis* and has made a good recovery should be insurable; but he must expect to pay a substantial extra premium.

Views among insurance companies can vary over the interpretation of "a good reco in these circumstances, i can generally be taken to that six months or so elapsed since a return to or normal activities for a not normally at work.

For anyone with a hist mental trouble, cover sho obtainable, but much m pend on whether in-p treatment has been Naturally, that is looked *as a more serious risk.*

Life offices feel that a mental problems are con with marital difficulti stresses at work. So, if a has remarried happily, o a different job where the atmosphere is differen will help.

Factors such as these as important as past h Nevertheless, it does not sarily follow that norma of premium will be charg a company will look parti carefully at policies, si term assurance and fam come benefits, where cover is given in return f premiums.

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Normally, the amount debt will decrease duri term of the policy, givi gressively higher cover, u full sum assured becom able.

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For instance, one c the case of a 44-year-c taking out a 20-year wi policy. The basic rate per thousand pounds o But his impairment just additional premium of thousand, or a debt of cent.

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The solution could b additional £10 per thou be paid in premium, the total premium up per thousand—within th cent limit. A debt of cent (decreasing over th term) could also be tak should not affect the b tax relief purposes in a

John Drumr

Pensions

If a widow has to rely on the state

There is a basic difference of philosophy between the approach to benefits on death before retirement in occupational pension schemes and that of the state. This is equally true of the existing state scheme and of Mrs Castle's proposals.

In principle, the flat rate state scheme at the present time adopts two criteria for eligibility for benefit on a man's death: benefit is payable only to a widow; and it is payable to a widow only in circumstances where she may be expected to need help.

Thus there are three types of flat-rate benefit payable to widows: widow's allowances, widowed mother's allowances and widow's pensions. The result is that a widow receives a weekly payment for a period of six months after her husband's death in all cases, because this is considered necessary to provide her with a time to replan *her life.*

After six months, a continuing weekly payment is made to an older widow or as long as the widow has dependent children; but once the children have grown up, payments cease unless the widow is too old to be able readily to take up work again. This condition is considered to be satisfied if the widow is over 50 when her husband dies or (if she had children to bring up) when her children grow up.

Of course, 50 is a purely arbitrary age; there is a lot of variation from one person to another. In recognition of this, and to avoid too sharp a difference between those who qualify and those who do not, reduced benefits are payable on a sliding scale over 10 years, taking the minimum age for any widow's pension, even on a reduced scale, down to 40.

Need for help is a continuing state, not a single event. The state scheme therefore provides for the cessation of the widow's pension if the widow remarries, on the grounds that her circumstances are no longer such that she is likely to be in difficulties.

There is also provision for suspension of the benefit during any period when the widow is living with a man as his wife.

The fact that cohabitation results in suspension of the benefit, but remarriage in forfeiture, has been the subject of a certain amount of cynical comment. In respect of a flat-rate benefit, the position is not as bad as may appear at first sight, because if the second husband dies, the woman is again a widow and should again become entitled to a widow's pension.

It is not entirely satisfactory, however, because if the second marriage is terminated by divorce or separation the former widow does not again resume her entitlement to widow's pension.

Perhaps the idea is that in these circumstances she ought to be able to claim some support from her second husband as part of the divorce settlement. This may be true; but it will not always happen.

When Mrs Castle's scheme becomes operative, these flat-rate benefits will continue as the first tier of the new arrangements. On top, there will be earnings related benefits (that is to say, related to the husband's earnings). The basic principle underlying entitlement to benefit will be the same.

So a widow will not be entitled to a pension purely because she is a widow, but only if her circumstances are such that widowhood may be expected to give rise to financial problems. We may note, in passing, that this reasoning does not extend to the death of pensioners—their widows are entitled to a pension, even if young and childless.

To continue, however, with the position before retirement, the conditions attaching to the second-tier widow's pension mirror those outlined above; pension is payable in full only to a widow who is over 50 when her husband dies or (if there are dependent children) when the children grow up. There is a sliding scale between 40 and 50.

As in the case of the present flat-rate benefit, a widow's pension will be suspended during any period of cohabitation and terminated on remarriage. As far as the first-tier benefit is concerned, the considerations are the same as for the present flat-rate scheme.

It is a different matter altogether, however, in respect of the second-tier pension. The amount of this depends on the earnings record of the former husband and the length of time for which he had been contributing to the scheme.

If a widow who receives a substantial widow's pension (because her husband was well paid and had built up a large entitlement over many years) remarries to a younger or less well paid man, she stands to lose a lot: even if her new husband dies quite soon after the marriage, her second-tier widow's pension will be the amount related to her second husband's earnings record.

She cannot recover the entitlement to the pension she lost on remarriage.

This compares unfavourably with the widow's position if she lives with a man without marrying. Then, if she ceases to live with him, whether because they part company, or because he dies, her former widow's pension again becomes payable.

It looks as if the implications of earnings-relation of the pension have escaped those responsible for devising the conditions of the scheme.

As in the case of the present flat rate scheme, children will presumably receive a first-tier benefit but they will not qualify for any additional earnings related provision.

Perhaps the most surprising thing about Mrs Castle's proposals is the failure to follow the same logic as has been applied to the conditions for benefit through into the form of the benefit. One could almost believe that there has been a failure to distinguish between the two.

In consequence, the form of the benefit is entirely inappropriate: I discussed this problem in another article recently.

One justification put forward for a "brick" system for the widow's pension—the system by which benefit is built up year by year throughout the period of employment—is that the widows to whom this pattern gives less are the younger ones, in general; and it is these who, broadly speaking, have less need.

Such an argument overlooks the entitlement requirements. Young widows who are not likely to be in need do not, in fact get anything at all. Those who qualify for benefit may be expected, if anything, to have greater need, not less, than an older woman, because of the absence of any additional child's benefit.

The implications of earnings related benefits have not been properly considered in this area.

In occupational schemes, entirely different principles are applied and the coverage is in consequence much wider. I shall turn to this side of the problem in my next article.

Eric Brunet

Estate planner in waiting for a topsy-turvy world to right itself

Eileen Muckle was appointed head of the estate planning division of Barclays Bank Trust Co just over a year ago. Since then her business world has been turned topsy-turvy.

The first year in any new job is always the most difficult. When it is accompanied by fundamental legislative changes in respect of estate planning, then it becomes doubly difficult. Small wonder then that Eileen Muckle has no ambition, at the moment, other than "to sort out what we can do, and how best we can achieve it".

Publication on Tuesday of the Finance Bill, with the expanded details of the proposed new capital transfer tax, will be an important step forward in resuming the normal activity of the estate planning division in meeting the needs of the 240-odd clients who walk through the door in a normal year.

Many of the clients will want to see Eileen Muckle personally. "There are always those who feel they have got to see the manager." This doesn't bother her in the least. Apart from keeping her hand in, "I've always enjoyed the practical side of the job", she explains.

Eileen Muckle: Mitigation of taxation is not the whole picture.

This is the reason why after studying law at King's College, Durham and qualifying as a barrister, she entered the Trustee Company of the old Martins Bank (merged with Barclays in 1969). "I was always interested in the Chancery side, from a practical point of view, and decided to try it with a large corporation to see how it worked out."

It worked out so well that Miss Muckle, now 39, has never got itchy feet. She worked her way up through the Martins Bank network and was a controller in Bristol with that bank at the time of the merger. She immediately moved to head office of the enlarged bank's Trustee Company as an assistant manager in the estate planning division and after two years as deputy manager became the boss last year.

Despite all the numerous advertisements exhorting young girls to enter banking with a view to ending up as a branch manager, there are in reality very few senior women in banking. Barclays, for example, has nine branch managers and an assistant general manager in charge of women personnel, and Eileen Muckle, as department heads.

Banking has its own hierarchy, sometimes unfathomable to the outsider, but Eileen Muckle's *grade as head of estate duty* planning is equivalent to a head office manager. The staff of nine men she controls are all (bar one) appointed staff—a nicety which means they have been selected by a board. The nearest analogy appears to be the military one of staff officers as opposed to field officers.

Estate duty planning *per se* no longer exists in the wake of the new capital transfer tax, which becomes operational in March despite the absence of any relevant details. This distinction between the old and new tax systems does not bother Eileen Muckle. "I've always preferred to describe our operation as personal financial planning, anyway", she says. "Mitigation of taxation is important, but it is not the whole picture."

The estate planning department is inevitably geared towards the upper end of the market. The wealthiest individual client was one worth £10m. At the other end of the scale £100,000 and in extreme cases £50,000 are the minimum levels at which the division begins to get involved. The average client is the man with assets of between £250,000-£300,000.

Some approach the division directly, but most clients originate through either bank branches or the trust officers. The local trust officer generally *interviews the client to assess* the appropriate service required; if the services of the estate planning division look necessary, then someone from Miss Muckle's office will consider the problem and quote a fee before getting down to brass tacks.

There isn't a pattern-book client. Some will be people who have built up a fortune (small or large) from scratch and others will have inherited wealth. But a typical problem does seem to be the client who has almost all his assets tied up in one activity, be it a business or a farm. In the past the question was always: did the client want to preserve the asset or obtain the maximum monetary return? The answer was nearly always "yes" to the former.

Once a client's affairs have been put in order, the estate planning division rarely sees them again. There is not a follow-up service. "We are not abandoning them however," says Miss Muckle. "They have other banking connexions and usually do have their memory jogged from time to time." She does warn clients, however, that if they are proposing any radical alterations—such as the flotation of a private company or emigrating—they ought to come back.

One suspects that the new *capital transfer tax will be a* sufficient goad to send many clients scurrying back to the estate planning division. Although in the limbo between the announcement of the new tax—a lifetime tax as opposed to estate duty at death only—most clients have preferred to wait for the detailed provisions of the tax.

But the different nature of the capital transfer tax will not affect the operation of the division. "It is still going to be possible to arrange the affairs of our clients to obtain the maximum use of their assets according to their individual philosophy."

The image of estate planners as people who are willing to use, in some instances, the most devious of means to obtain the maximum tax benefits for their clients is one which Eileen Muckle is anxious to dispel. "It is the philosophy of the individual which is paramount", she says, "and this sometimes does not include financial considerations".

The most obvious example is that it is no use advising someone to emigrate to the Cayman Islands to secure tax advantages when he is going to be supremely miserable sitting there and scratching his mosquito bites.

Margaret Stone

Law

When your nearest and dearest can land you in trouble

Bacon tells us that "he that hath wife and children hath given hostages to fortune" and the law in fact sets many snares and traps for the innocent head of the family.

Admittedly, in recent years the pendulum has in one respect swung to the husband's side. Since 1970 a man who deserts his wife can no longer be made to pay the family bills she incurs for day-to-day living expenses. She now has no power to pledge her husband's credit, but must get a court order for maintenance.

Nevertheless, while they are living together, she can still get credit in her husband's name. This is because in law cohabitation as man and wife (whether they are actually married or not) raises a presumption that the wife or mistress is the man's agent to purchase necessary items for the household, for which he must foot the bill.

Sometimes the man can avoid liability by showing that his wife had all that was necessary for a woman in her position or, at least, adequate money to buy anything she needed. Alternatively, he may be able to prove that he had expressly forbidden her to pledge his credit.

But this will not protect a husband who has *permitted* his wife or mistress to make purchases at Fortnum & Mason's over a period. In these circumstances, in order to stop her making future purchases in his name, he must notify the store in question that he has forbidden her to pledge his credit there.

Ironically, where a wife is able *legally to pledge her husband's* credit, she herself escapes any personal liability for the debts incurred.

In reality, it is most frequently his offspring who expose a man to liability and concern. His teenage daughter may be arrested at a pop festival or a demonstration in support of women's rights. When her father hastens to bail her out, he must undertake, subject to a cash penalty, to ensure her attendance at a court hearing.

If she fails to turn up at court, her father, as surety, will have to pay and if he is without funds, he could face a very real possibility of imprisonment.

It goes without saying that no parent is liable for his child's crimes. However, where a child under 17 is found guilty of an offence the parent can be made to pay the fine as well as any costs or compensation awarded and can also be compelled to give security for the child's subsequent good behaviour.

This is not to say that a parent is automatically liable to pay compensation for any wrongful act or damage his child causes. If little Johnny tells the neighbours that the local bank manager is a crook, no liability would attach to his father.

Again, if on a visit to a local pet shop he procures a harmless snake with which he frightens his headmaster to death, the latter's widow would have to sue Johnny for damages and not his father. The trouble is that as Johnny is under 18, a court will generally appoint his father guardian *ad litem*, although in this case he is not liable to pay the costs of an action which succeeds against his son.

A father who allows his son to keep dangerous pets would be responsible if they were allowed to escape. Again, if Smith senior gives his son a chemistry set, and Smith junior succeeds in producing a catastrophic explosion, Smith senior would be responsible, because the presumption is that he ought to have exercized proper supervision.

Air weapons are another example of a potentially dangerous object in a young person's hand requiring parental supervision. Mr Donaldson let his son buy an air-gun, but forbade him to shoot it outside the house. He always used it in the cellar, but one day in breach of his promise to his father, he went outside the house and injured another boy.

His father was held not liable, because he had taken all reasonable precautions to ensure that the gun was used in a safe place. Since that case it is now an offence to give an air-gun to someone under 14, and these days the father would probably be held responsible.

In some American cases parental responsibility has been stretched to *the limits*, even so far as holding parents liable for assaults committed by children who are known to have had the habit of attacking people.

This "vicious child" doctrine has fortunately not yet been applied in England, although a reasonably prudent parent is under a legal duty to take steps to control his children when they have been brought on to the highway. An unruly child left in a car even for a few minutes could start the engine, release the brake or open the door unexpectedly.

Again it sometimes happens that a small child may cause an accident by wandering out on to the road. If the child is so small that it ought not to be allowed out unaccompanied, a driver who swerves and is injured will be able to sue the parent for allowing the child to stray out on to the road.

Using one's children as servants to run errands can also involve liability. A m sends his son out on bicycle or scooter to buy paper would be respo the boy in his haste r another child or growns

In legal theory he is able for his son's n riding, not as his pare nically, but as bei "employer". Bicycle h is the best protection

Anyone who takes hi son into the family should see that he is n too much responsibility For example he may t along to auctions so learn how to value anti

On one occasion he m him alone to bid for item within strict limits his son go beyond his tions, or, to impress his bid for some very cost his father would be b honour the contract.

Paradoxically, being u the young man himsel not be made liable at he bought the item on account.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

estor's Week

rices drift • Burmah enies cash crisis

ock market has had a fair it thrown at it this week as the news is concerned me of this has led to any cale selling. So, although f index has finished the it a new low for the year, been largely a case of drifting lower simply. he lack of buying interest. how soon anything will to produce some more e movement in the remains to be seen. But has been plenty of fresh ce this week that the ny is now moving fairly ito recession ,and reces- o many investors spells lling interest rates and ng-awaited revival in the *ged market.*

ainly until that happens it to see much enthusiasm ustrial equities.

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eaders who may have the original introduction *new portfolios,* a brief at this stage might prove There are two portfolios operation, *each designed* et the differing require- of our two investors,

ogist Bill Taylor, 32, and bler by nature, is back West Africa on a spell in the United Kingdom. £5,000 to play with and cided to adopt a "double s" investment philosophy ay well take him into isk investment situation. y Thornton, a mildly af- 52-year-old research r at Interpharm, is try- build up the sum of just £15,000 he inherited is aunt Elinor—since de- by an unfortunate invest- n Welfare income bonds a sum worth passing on children.

portfolio appears once h;

Rumours of an imminent suspension of dealing in Burmah Oil shares yesterday compounded the stock market's continuing nervousness about the oil group and the price fell a further 10p to 114p. Here it is one third down on the level at the September interim.

Burmah, however, emphatically denied the rumours.

What helped trigger the latest bout of selling was a Business Week *report suggesting that Burmah is approaching a cash crisis because of its troubles in the tanker market. A tight cash situation, yes, but a cash crisis, no, was Burmah's retort yesterday.*

Burmah does admit the prospect of a cash deficit in 1975 and has negotiated additional loan facilities to meet it if required.

The group appears to have convinced its bankers that the income expected from liquified natural gas shipments from Algeria to the United States and from Indonesia to Japan in 1976, followed thereafter by income from the North Sea Thistle field in 1977 and from Ninian in 1978, will enable it to repay borrowings.

However, Burmah is no longer talking of meaningful initial income from the Bahamas oil shipment terminal due to come on stress in January. A contract with "Shell" will enable Burmah only to cover the throughput fee to the Bahamas Government.

It also transpires that Burmah has had to renegotiate the terms of the $420m loan it raised to buy Signal, on terms now somewhat less favourable to the oil group. The loan was secured against total assets, which, of course, include the BP holding and this has fallen in value by a half since the loan was fixed.

Mr J. A. Lumsden, chairman of Burmah Oil.

It is now, incidentally, worth around £182m against a Burmah market capitalization of £164m. The prospect of Burmah's taking up the further loan facilities and the presumably heavier interest now due on the Signal loan both point to an even more onerous gearing burden for Burmah.

This is a burden Burmah cannot lightly carry while there is such uncertainty over several main components of group earnings, not least over oil products. The shares still look vulnerable.

nry Thornton in the bond market

hornton household has mething of a battlefield e past week, and all on of an idea put forward ing Tom. He wants to his Sussex boarding o go to the local "tech". father thinks this is a ly sound idea; in fact, inclined to see it as e of that basic common- which will bring Tom in his own business, he cannot cope with onjugations.

nother's initial reaction, , is one of incredulity at! After all that money spent on your educa- ; and this is followed bitter opposition that can see a clash develop- the scale of those which iginally induced him to om away to school five go.

e puts his foot down. If in pass at least three of levels which he is now for the second time, then leave. Peace reigns; enry is left with the t of a greatly reduced requirement, which im to take a much more attitude to his invest-

ing through the prices ver the past couple of he has noted several which he feels to be ng even though their are low. However, his asm for such invest- is tempered in the first y doubts about Tom's ance, and in the second by a strong suspicion that equities have to go lower before they go higher. So he looks elsewhere for the moment.

With recession on his mind Henry is still convinced that interest rates will be coming back next year. So he has decided that a negotiable local authority bond will make a good and reasonably flexible investment.

He had considered buying a bond which had just gone ex-dividend on the secondary market. If he does this, however, he will have dealing costs to meet.

His best course would be to get an allocation of the new bonds which are issued every Tuesday through the local authority bond brokers (eg. Phillips & Drew, Scrimgeour or Pember & Boyle), which would involve no outlay on dealing costs.

But Henry is planning to put in only £2,000 and he reckons that he will be frozen off if he goes directly to any of these firms. So he has arranged to have an application and the cash with his bank manager on Monday.

On the strength of current sterling certificate of deposit rates, Henry reckons that the coupon on his bonds—which will not be fixed until Tuesday morning—will be around 13½ per cent. Since he is liable to tax at 48 per cent on his top slice of income, he is hoping to take a capital gain instead of income by selling in about five months' time, when the price of the bond will reflect the coming dividend payment.

If the bonds are issued at par, he hopes thus to obtain a return for which he would have to look for a 19.5 per cent coupon elsewhere.

Henry will not be able to make a habit of such transactions, since the Inland Revenue would be likely to classify him as a trader and tax him accordingly. Moreover, he has to accept that interest rates may be higher five months hence, in which case he will have to stay with the bonds until they approach maturity at par or take a capital loss.

But he doesn't think that this is much of a risk.

Henry isn't showing a profit as yet on his initial purchase of Treasury 9 per cent 1980, but he's none too worried about that. He has, however, been talking over his investment with some other Interpharm executives, and has discovered to his horror that this is one of the government stocks which he could have bought through the Post Office, in which case his commission would have amounted to 25p for the first £100 and 5p on every additional £50 purchase—and the Department for National Savings would have paid the VAT.

Henry is pretty sick at having paid £11.40 in dealing costs when he need only have paid £2.15, but he is a great deal more sick at having made an ass of himself in public. Oh well: one more down to experience.

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e and Equity sold

eak-up of the Jessel es empire continues. ek it was announced that d Equity Assurance, the ubsidiary set up in 1970, n sold to Cannon Assur- ne news follows hard on ls of the disposal the previous week of the Jessel Britannia unit trust group to Slater Walker.

The price of the Life and Equity and Cannon deal has not been made public, but Cannon are happy about the purchase. Unlike its sister Jessel subsidiary, the ill-fated London Indemnity and General Insurance, Life and Equity was not involved in the guaranteed income bond business.

It is basically a vehicle for linked-life assurance and will bring a life fund of £23m to add to Cannon's own of £80m.

t trust performance

RUSTS: Growth and Specialist funds (progress over one and ars). Unitholder Index 1013.7; fall from December 31, 1973: 35 per cent.

	A	B
Prof M	−4.6	—
Cap	−18.2	−20.7
rt Smal Cos	−25.2	—
rt Equity	−26.5	−25.7
alker Cap	−29.8	−24.4
Shield	−30.5	−26.1
alker Prof	−33.4	—
ders F	−34.7	−34.0
alker Stat	−34.7	—
Perf	−35.0	−35.6
Opport	−35.8	−33.4
West Cap	−36.2	−37.1
Growth	−36.3	−26.1
Claymore F	−36.8	−26.5
Compound	−37.4	−22.5
Conv Gro	−38.3	—
Magnum	−38.7	−12.7
s Pflio	−38.5	−4.5
Scotfunds	−40.2	−13.4
Recovery	−40.3	−11.0
it Growth	−41.0	−21.9
e Cap	−41.7	−48.4
F	−41.8	−37.1
Gren Ins	−42.8	−39.2
Smaller Sec	−43.2	—
Accum	−43.9	—
Recovery	−44.5	−48.4
Capital	−44.6	−45.4
Prog	−45.8	−42.1
Eagle	−46.6	−44.5
Growth	−47.2	−42.9
Special	−47.6	−29.6
Gren Cap	−47.8	−40.0
C Cap	−48.0	−50.6
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ital	−49.5	−54.2
ital	−50.7	−41.8
Recovery	−50.9	47.0
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ate Prog F	−51.7	−44.3
Growth	−51.9	−53.7
	−52.0	−46.7
Sits	−52.7	−52.4
Growth	−53.1	−46.3
Growth	−53.2	—
Nat Cap M	−54.3	−56.7
Capital	−54.5	—
d Growth	−54.7	−56.8
Compound	−55.0	−45.1
Growth	−55.6	−56.9
Ebor Sel F	−55.7	—
Ebor Cap	−56.1	−58.1
Growth	−56.7	−59.3
Cap F	−58.3	−60.2
Smaller Cos	−58.5	−49.3
Trident Perf	−61.5	−51.6
Portfolio Cap	−66.2	−67.3
Crescent Growth	−69.7	−69.1

SPECIALIST	A	B
Jessel Gold	25.0	96.6
Drayton Commodity	−2.3	47.4
Gartmore Euro	−8.0	—
Hill Samuel Dollar	−9.6	−3.2
Drayton Inter	−13.5	−4.6
Slater Walker Fin	−14.5	10.5
Gartmore Overseas	−16.0	—
National Nat Res	−17.7	0.7
Vav N American	−20.0	—
Charter European	−20.4	—
S & P Japan Gro	−20.9	27.5
New Court Int	−21.4	—
S & P European	−21.4	5.6
Target Inter	−22.3	—
S & P Ebor Com	−23.6	18.6
Hill Samuel Int	−23.9	−11.9
Oceanic Overseas	−24.0	−3.2
Metals Minerals	−24.6	−12.5
Unicorn Worldwide	−24.6	—
Jascot Pref	−25.8	—
Target Pref	−26.5	−37.0
Secs of America	−27.2	−30.7
London & Brussels	−27.6	—
M & G Australian	−28.5	—
Oceanic Financial	−28.8	−35.8
Unicorn Australia	−29.5	28.1
M & G Japan	−30.0	17.1
Vav European	−30.3	—
Grantchester	−30.4	—
M & G European	−30.8	—
Rowan Internat	−31.4	—
S & P Ebor Energy	−31.4	—
Jessel Commod	−31.8	−2.0
Vavasseur Australian	−32.0	—
Allied Hambro Int	−32.1	—
S & P S A US Gro	−33.0	−40.4
Ionian Foreign M	−33.1	—
Jessel Global	−33.7	−12.9
Jascot Commodity	−34.1	−13.2
S & P Ebor Universal	−34.8	4.7
Abacus Arbuth Int	−34.9	—
J. L. Int Consumer	−34.9	−27.9
Vavasseur Inter	−35.9	−21.3
Vavasseur Oil & Res	−36.1	−26.7
Jessel Plantation	−36.2	−11.7
Natbifs	−36.4	−32.2
Slater Walker Assets	−36.7	−30.0
National West Fin	−37.1	−34.8
Vav Financial	−37.3	−27.9
Jascot International	−37.9	−31.5
Jessel Australian	−38.5	—
M & G American	−38.5	—
Bishopsgate Int F	−38.6	−28.8
North American	−38.9	−53.1
Trident Inter	−38.9	−34.5
Drayton Fits	−39.1	−37.3
Hill Samuel Fin	−39.3	−42.6
National Universal	−39.3	−34.9
Crescent Inter	−39.4	−31.4
London Wall Int	−39.8	−40.5
Schroder Europe	−39.9	−8.5
Charterhouse Inter	−40.7	−52.3
National Gas	−41.9	−30.7
Security Select F	−43.5	—
Key Private	−44.1	—
Charterhouse Flt	−44.6	—
S & P Financial	−45.4	−37.6
Abbey Investment	−45.6	—
Vav Far East	−46.0	—
Target Investment	−46.5	−53.4
Jessel Investment	−47.1	−46.8
Jascot North Sea	−49.1	—
Vavasseur ITU	−49.9	−48.2
Practical	−50.1	−51.4
Bridge Overseas	−50.2	—
M & G Investment	−50.4	−49.3
Nat Invest	−50.4	−53.8
Oceanic Invest	−50.7	−56.6
Gt Winch Over M	−51.4	—
S & P Scotbits	−53.1	−54.6
S & P Ebor Fin	−53.4	−49.2
S & P ITU	−53.5	−56.5
Unicorn Financial	−53.7	−52.9
Target Financial	−53.7	−48.4
Talisman Inter	−54.3	—
Stewart American	−55.3	—
Jascot Australian	−55.4	—
M & G Far East	−57.2	—
Jessel New Issue	−57.4	−54.5
S & P Ebor Prop	−57.7	−48.7
Jessel City	−57.9	−54.1
Jascot Capital	−58.4	−60.0
Jessel Property	−62.3	−52.4
Financial Priority	−63.3	−57.3
Jascot Fin & Prop	−64.1	—

A: Change over one year offer to bid, net income reinvested.
B: Change over three years offer to bid, net income reinvested.
Both taken to December 5, 1974.
M: Trust valued monthly.
F: Trust valued every two weeks.

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Manganese auditors clash with board over treatment of NVT

By Anthony Rowley

In qualifying the latest accounts of Manganese Bronze Holdings, the auditors, Lever, Honeyman & Co, say: "It is our view that the results of its associated company, Norton Villiers Triumph, should be incorporated in MBH's consolidated profit and loss account."

Because the MBH board has rejected this advice, Lever, Honeyman also say they believe "that our duty as auditors requires us to oppose the board's decision to recommend a change of auditors. "They remain willing to serve in this capacity and leave the decision to shareholders at the agm on December 31.

Manganese Bronze, for its part, says in a circular to shareholders that, "the suggestion that the change of auditors would be beneficial pre-dates by some months the difference of view on accounting treatment of the only available NVT results. This difference has not influenced your board's judgment on the proposed change".

In his annual report, Mr R. D. Poore, the MBH chairman, recalls that NVT is "not a subsidiary of MBH (MBH owns just under half the NVT equity) and is in no way bound to conduct its affairs or choose its date of account to suit your company".

Mr Poore also points out that the £5.8m deficit at NVT will be regarded as part of the £6.3m already provided in the NVT accounts for losses and costs of reorganization. Moreover, MBH has already written down by £1.33m its book investment of £3.38m in NVT. So the NVT losses to date do not affect MBH shareholders.

In the year to July 31, MBH made trading profits of £1.45m against £0.75m though this was after inclusion of the nonmotorcycle subsidiaries of BSA for the first time. Interest charges, however, were up from £0.22m to £0.78m last year and pre-tax profits have gone ahead by only 28 per cent, to £0.67m.

Mr R. D. Poore, chairman of Manganese Bronze.

Stock markets

BLMC upset industrial shares

The trading account ended with a day of nervous trading in the wake of the developments at BLMC, and a burst of rumours regarding the cash situation at Burmah Oil—rumours quickly denied by the board of the oil group. Turnover remained thin, and falls in major share prices were not usually of any great size. The *FT* index dipped 3.0 to 163.2—a return to the previous 16 year low recorded on Tuesday.

With the morning newspapers full of the story that BLMC had approached the Government, and that a statement would be made in the House of Commons later in the day, shares in BLMC started at a new "low" of 6¼p yesterday morning. Turnover in the shares was light and the price rallied nervously to 6¾p ahead of Mr Benn's statement. By the close of business, BLMC shares stood at 7p, unchanged on the day, reflecting market relief that the group will receive the needed cash.

Possibly more disturbing for the market were the rumours from the Continent that cash problems at Burmah Oil, would cause suspension of the share quotation. Shares in Burmah dipped to 115p with trade almost at a standstill. A firm denial of the rumours by a spokesman for the company steadied market nerves but at 114p, a net 10p off, the shares ended at the lowest level of the day after active trade. Also weak were BP (12p off at 208p) and Shell (6p off at 133p).

These two shocks for market confidence left their marks on the share sectors most directly involved, as well as upsetting investors generally.

GKN, a major supplier of steel to the motor industry, fell 7p to 100p. Shares in Rolls-Royce slipped by 1p to 25½p, Lucas Industries were 2p off at 51p, Smiths Industries 1p off at 58p and Wilmot Breedon 1p off at 7½p. Pilkington Brothers, also deeply involved in the fortune of the motor industry, extended the loss which followed the dramatic fall in first half profits, to close a net 3p off at 110p.

The shadow of these developments lay over the rest of the market, although a total of recorded bargains of only 5,218 underlined the absence of any heavy selling. Reed International (136p) were displeased with the departure of Sir Don Ryder, the chairman who is to head the National Enterprise Board.

ICI (120p), Unilever (163p) and Courtaulds (53p) all turned down. One of the few firm spots was Philips Lamp, at 665p, with the speculators still heeding rumours of Arab interest in the group.

Furness Withy, another favourite for an Arab bid, moved up to 138p. But other industrial issues were upset by the BLMC developments, and end of account profit-taking left shares unsupported. Swan Hunter (71p), Tube Investments (130p) and Metal Box (127p) all gave ground.

Equity turnover on December 5 was £35.8m (11,328 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Burmah Oil, Shell, BP, Consolidated Goldfields, ICI, Pilkington Bros, BLMC, GKN, Imps, and Reed International.

Gilts reacted to the better tone of the previous two sessions and losses were registered in all sections of the market.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Ang Transvaal Cons Int	20c	13c	5/2	—	75c
Brit Ind Hldgs (10p) Fin	1.04	1.0	—	2.09	2.0
H. Cox & Sons (10p) Int	0.5	0.5	20/1	—	2.56
Dundee & Lon Inv (25p) Fin	1.49	1.43	24/1	2.53	2.43
Amos Hinton (10p) Int	1.64	1.39	—	—	2.92
Intn'l Harvester Qly	42.5	37.5	15/1	165c	150c
Leeds & Dist Dyers (25p) Fin	2.52	2.2†	—	3.44	3.06†
Midland-Yorks Hldgs (£1) Int	8.64	7.14	13/1	—	13.12
Samuelson Film (20p) Fin	3.76	—	—	11.22	10.0
Scapa Group (25p) Int	2.53	2.1	24/1	—	4.92
Speedwell Gear Case (25p)	0.62	Nil	10/1	0.62	Nil
Spooner Ind (25p) Fin	2.5	2.14†	8/2	3.3	2.94†
Ward & Goldstone (25p) Int	1.56	1.5	—	—	6.18
Ben Williams (10p) Int	0.37	0.36	31/12	—	1.11

† Adjusted for scrip. c Cents a share.

New cash-raising sale by Wood

Fresh measures to get the W. Wood & Son group back on its feet are outlined in the annual report for 1973.

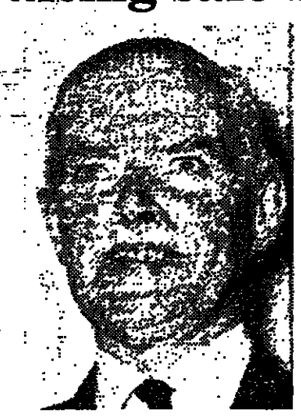
This is the group which reported substantial irregularities in the historical accounting figures for its main subsidiary, British Luggage, and which last month announced net losses for 1973 and the first part of the current term.

Meanwhile steps have been taken to reduce short-term borrowings. It is planned to sell the Walthamstow factory to Coltness Group (which has 32 per cent of Wood's equity) for £635,000 cash, for subsequent leasing back to British Luggage for an initial annual rent of £105,000. Wood will hold the option for five years to repurchase the property.

Recent factory closures should reduce borrowings, while the property sale at Dunbarton has netted £365,000. Closing down in Canada will also held.

Mr Eric Gibbons, chairman, thinks that with fewer establishments, the luggage group should be profitable at the level of demand which is expected to continue during 1975. The breakthrough is likely in the last quarter of 1974.

On November 22, the group had secured bank overdrafts and loans amounting to £2.2m.



Mr Thomas Barlow, chairman of Highlands & Lowlands Para Rubber: soaring profits along with change of domicile.

On turnover raised 30 per cent to £4.6m, pre-tax profit soared 70 per cent to £587,000. The "attributable" moved from £178,000 to £181,000, while the interim payment goes up from 1.57p to 1.71p.

Though the board cautions that profits in the second-half will not bear the same relationship to the first as in previous years, full-time profit and dividend will exceed those for 1973. Boosey turned in a record pre-tax profit last year of £1.3m.

Greeff gets £1.3m for 3M pref

Greeff-Chemicals Holdings has sold the remaining half of its holding of 3M United Kingdom preference for about £1.26m, representing a surplus of some £165,000 over book value.

Its last accounts show a holding of 7.2 million of the 32.4 million of 4½ per cent 3M cumulative preference, producing income annually of about £155,000, in which the company had convertible rights into 3M United States common up to the end of 1984. The other half was sold after the balance-sheet date in May for some £1.9m. Greeff sold the latest parcel at 40p a share, and the proceeds will be used to reduce short-term borrowings.

North Sea Assets

At September 30 last a total of £14.1m had been committed to unquoted investments in the North Sea service and support sector by North Sea Assets, launched in July, 1972, and jointly managed by Noble Grossart and Eduard Bates. In May, the balance of capital amounting to £12m was called up from shareholders to provide for the group's expanding interests.

The report shows that for the year to September 30 there was a pre-tax surplus of £767,000, against £328,000 in the preceding 15 months. In his report Lord Clydesmuir, chairman, says the increasing involvement of British industry in the North Sea has been one of the heartening features of 1974.

Boosey well tuned

World-wide trade generally was going well for music group Boosey & Hawkes in July, with opening results to June 30 justifying the note of buoyancy.

Costs rising sharply at Samuelson Film

Suppliers of equipment and services to the film and television industries Samuelson Film Service reports profits up from £405,000 to a record £420,000 pre-tax for its last term to March 31.

But now that wages and other outgoings have risen sharply the cost of buying new equipment is soaring. Nevertheless, the company continues to enjoy a strong liquid position. Current turnover in the United Kingdom, France and Australia is up by 20 per cent to date.

A final payment of 3.76p brings the total to 11.22p, against a single payment of 10p.

More disposals by Triumph Trust

Agreement in principle has been reached for the sale of Triumph Investment Trust's metal subsidiaries Eisenlegierungen Handelsgesellschaft and NV Metalen & Grondstoffen Onderneming (Grondmet) to Mr Gunter Kreissel and Mr W. Van-Twout respectively.

A1-Derritron

The board of Derritron is consulting with Kleinwort Benson on Amalgamated Industrials' 5p a share offer for the capital not already owned. Meanwhile, shareholders are advised to take no action. With a purchase of one million shares last month, AI raised its stake from 26.5 per cent to about 41 per cent.

In his report, Mr R. Rudd, chairman of Derritron, says the order book stands at its highest level and the board looks forward to resuming its expansion programme. A change in the group's articles of association will raise the borrowing powers from £1.24m to £3.11m, based on the accounts at April 30.

Handshakes in Highlands move

With details of the transfer of residence by Highlands and Lowlands Para Rubber to Malaysia comes the news that the group achieved a leap in estimated profits for the nine months to September 30 from £2.4m to £6.9m. This reflect the already known jump in the first seven months from £1.3m to £4.1m; the last two months saw a near-trebling of profits from £1.1m to £2.8m.

Among proposals connected with the move are compensation payments to directors for loss of office. Each director is to receive £5,000, while some retiring directors of group subsidiaries are to receive compensation totalling £8,500. An increase in directors fees following the move is also proposed.

Four directors all resident in the United Kingdom will resign. Mr T. Barlow will remain chairman for the present.

Payments to Thomas Barlow & Bro. and Gibson & Anderson (group secretaries) will receive £100,000, and £60,000 respectively for loss of office.

As the company will no longer be liable to United Kingdom Corporation tax it will be possible for higher dividends to be paid without diminishing retentions.

New Day Holdings

Mr G. R. F. Tompkins, chairman of New Day Holdings, reports that high costs arising from the integration of the newly acquired Midland Ideal Homes business adversely affected 1973-74 profits which fell from £1.08m to £176,000. A number of properties in the furnishing division are being sold to effect a significant reduction in bank borrowing and to reduce the related interest charges. Since the year end on June 30 there has already been a considerable improvement to trading profits and a gradual profit recovery is looked for if the condition of the economy permits.

Stockbroking merger

Two more small London stockbroking firms are merging. Kimpton Steward and Co and John M. Douglas and Eykyn Bros say they plan to merge from December 24. The new firm will be called John M. Douglas and Eykyn Bros.

ALLSEAS SHIPPING
Net profit to March 31, £468,000 (£358,000). Board proposes a one-for-five scrip issue.

GREENCOAT PROPERTIES
As accountants reporting on overseas activities have encountered purely technical local problems, board has been unable to complete accounts.

LEEDS & DISTRICT DYERS
Dividend for 1973-74, 3.44p (3.06p adjusted for scrip). Turnover £3.09m (£2.45m), profit £124,500 (£161,000). Earnings a share, 4.8p (6.7p).

YOUNG, AUSTEN & YOUNG
Sales for half year, £2.39m (£1.58m). Loss is £74,00 (against loss £98,000). Most sales fall in second half, and board believes full year's profits will be similar to last term's.

CHURCHBURY ESTATES
Net profit for half year up from £72,000 to £73,000. Interim dividend held at 1.31p.

Profit slip again at Ward and Goldstone

Ward & Goldstone, the Salford-based makers of insulated wires and cables, electrical and plastic accessories, has been increasing its sales with particular emphasis on export markets, but profits are being eroded by ever tighter margins.

In the half year to September 30, while sales bounded by 44 per cent from £13.9m to £20.08m, taxable profits fell from £917,000 to £853,000. This continues the trend of last year when profits for the full term went down from £3.3m to £2.9m.

Over the past three years the group has spent about £6.5m on capital expenditure, but this programme is nearing completion

Overseas drive rewards Scapa

By David Mott

Unlike many other companies Scapa Group, the Lancashire-based manufacturer of paper makers' felt, has always seen the overseas market as the area with the bigger growth potential. Regardless of the climate at home, therefore, great emphasis has always been placed on exports, particularly to Scandinavia and Australasia, the two biggest markets, and the group is now in a position where almost 75 per cent of sales take place overseas.

In the half year to September 30 total sales rose 40 per cent to £15.3m producing a taxable profit 75 per cent higher, at £3.09m. A good start has been made to the second half and given that production is not interrupted by outside factors, the directors are forecasting a similar return from the final six months.

If this is achieved a total of around £6m is indicated, compared with he record £4.47m in the period to last March. Although impressive, the forecast is on the cautious side with the board warning that it should not be assumed the pattern of previous years (with the second half bringing a better profit than the first) will be repeated this time.

The pre-tax is struck after depreciation and a slightly higher interest charge of £248,000. After both United Kingdom and overseas tax and minorities the "net" comes to £1.56m, against £926,000, and earnings to 8.5p (5p) a share.

Midland-Yorks continues to sparkle in opening half

By Ashley Druker

Having bounded to a profits peak in the preceding full year, Midland-Yorkshire Holdings has kept up the momentum in the first half to September 30.

Fully underpinning the buoyant note at the annual meeting in July of a "considerable increase" in profits, the pre-tax level almost trebled, soaring from £434,000 to £1.22m, including that from joint ventures up from £51,000 to £343,000. The "attributable", taking in extraordinary items of £227,000 (surplus from sale of fixed assets) bounded practically fourfold to £845,000. Things still appear to be going well with the board taking into account the varied difficulties ahead in looking to a good full-time outcome. The interim payment is 8.64p against 7.14p.

At the annual meeting Mr Eric Wallsgrove, who heads the group, reported that world demand for chemicals was still growing, though shortage of materials might impose limitations.

With the opening stimulus in both the tar and chemicals businesses and in all three associated companies showing no signs of abating, Mr Wallsgrove adds that in spite of the many difficulties being met, including the supply of various raw materials and soaring costs, demand for its products continues to be good both at home and abroad.

Grundig sale brings relief to BIH

Announcing at the same time the sale of its offshoot Grundig (Great Britain) to German group Grundig Elektro-Machaniche Fabrik for £2m cash, British Industrial Holdings reports profits more than halved for the year to June 30.

Having achieved a first-time £1m at midway, the company made a small loss in the second half, as pre-tax profits for the full term were only £994,000, against £2.87m. The "net" tumbled from £1.69m to £524,000. Turnover was up from £31.95m to £32.78m. The year's payment is raised to 2.09p against 2p.

The sale of Grundig (GB) will take effect from July 1, 1974, but by agreement BIH has received a cash dividend of £400,000. But BIH will be responsible for Grundig (GB) trading losses over £30,000 incurred from July 1 to December 30. Additionally BIH has been released from its financial and other guarantees, which have presented "problems" in the past.

The net results for BIH is the achievement of a considerable amount of liquidity, while relieved of the increasingly burdensome financing obligations.

Unilever in talks on soap link in Japan

Tokyo, Dec 6

The Mitsuwa Soap Company said it is negotiating with Unilever NV on a possible business link including capital arrangements.

Mitsuwa declined to disclose details, but a leading economic newspaper "Nihon Keizai *Shimbun*" *reported that the two are discussing establishing* a joint venture in Japan to produce toilet soap. Mitsuwa currently produces Unilever's "Lux" brand for sale in Japan. —Reuter.

French seat belt boost for 'W' Ribbons

As Europe's biggest manufacturer of webbings for seat belt production, "W" Ribbons Holdings will benefit greatly from the compulsory seat belt legislation recently introduced in France. Shareholders heard the news at yesterday's annual meeting. Mr G. C. Wildi, the chairman, said the group, which has subsidiaries in France and Germany, should experience an immediate improvement in its trade in the motor sector.

British Oxygen sells frozen foods unit

For about £300,000, British Oxygen has sold its food retailing subsidiary, Winchester Frozen Foods to Union International of West Smithfield, London. It will become part of J. H. Dewhurst, Britain's biggest butcher. Also included in the sale are Winchester's subsidiaries, Nu Life Freezer Food Centres and Hoyle Easi-Freeze.

Briefly

AUTHORITY INVESTMENTS
To maintain trustee status of shares board to pay dividend of 0.14p for year to March 31 (2.62p for 15 months' period). Pre-tax profit, £245,000 (£518,000 for period).

BRITISH BUILDING & ENG
Half-time profit, £126,000 (£96,000); turnover, £890,000 (£821,000); earnings, 4.95p (3.97p); interim dividend, 1.32p (1.28p).

CASTINGS
Taxable half-year profit, £132,000 (£114,000); interim dividend, 0.62p (0.6p).

ELSON & ROBBINS
Past year's pre-tax profit, £963,000 (£984,000); turnover, £6.9m (£5.68m); earnings a share, 6.9p (7.53p); final dividend, 2.2p, making 3.54p (3.17p).

BLAKEY'S (MALLEABLE CASTINGS)
In half year to September 29 taxable profits, £84,000 (£25,000); sales, £1m (£863,000); board warn on increasing costs and threat of vastly increasing energy charges; costs in first half have been passed on but situation is rapidly changing.

AMOS HINTON & SONS
Group taxable profit for 28 weeks to September 14, £326,000 (£361,000); earnings a share, 3.11p (3.33p); interim dividend, 1.64p (1.39p).

DUNDEE & LONDON INV
Pre-tax revenue for year to October 31, £466,000 (£419,000); earnings a share, 1.77p (1.53p); dividend, 2.53p (2.43p).

H. COX (PLANT HIRE)
Half-time profits, £201,000 (£255,000); sales, £1.37m (£1.45m); dividend, 0.5p (same).

H. COX-BECK & POLLITZER
In shares and loan stock deal worth £328,000 H. Cox (Plant Hire) is acquiring Beck & Pollitzer Crane & Transport from Transport Development Group which also has a stake in Cox. Richards & Wallington now has 22.8 per cent stake in Cox.

SPINK & SON
Turnover in half year, £3.67m £2.9m); pretax profit, £631,000 (£427,000). Second half result should be at least as good as 1973 second half.

HIGHAMS
Sales rose from £6.1m to £8.6m. taxable profits, £391,000 (£289,000). Interim held at 0.7p net. Board is taking every step to ensure a successful second half.

WRIGHT, BINDLEY & GELL
For year to September 29 pretax profit £350,000 (£197,000); final dividend 2.28p (2.25p) making 3.95p (3.5p).

ROBERT FARNWORTH
Interim turnover £988,000 (£787,000) and pre-tax profit £48,000 (£52,000). Trade reluctant to hold stock because of high cost of borrowing and this likely to lead to uneven pattern of demand.

LONDON PRUDENTIAL INV
Interim gross revenue of £110,000 (£91,000) with net asset value 35½p (71p) a share. Earnings 1p (0.81p) a share and dividend 0.83p (0.7p) net.

CULTER GUARD BRIDGE
Turnover up from £5.5m to £8.1m. Pre-tax profits, £623,000 (£298,000). Board is reasonably confident of future. Dividend is 6 per cent (5 per cent).

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Copper prices move ahead

COPPER.—On the London Metal Exchange yesterday cash wire bars finished £9 higher and three months £7 higher. Cash cathodes were £8 dearer and three months £7.50 up. The market was marked up in line with the New York close.

The announcement that Japan did not intend to resume copper exports, together with general expectations that market stocks this week would show a fairly sizable decrease, gave further support.

Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £581-2.00 a metric ton; three months, £600-1.00. Sales, 1,800 tons. Cash cathodes, £573-77.00; three months, £591-93.00. Sales, 225 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £580.00-80.50; three months, £599.00-600.00. Settlement, £580.50. Sales, 3,450 tons. Cash cathodes, £576.00-76.50; three months, £592.00-93.00. Settlement, £576.50. Sales, 725 tons.

SILVER closed barely steady yesterday.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 183.1p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 426.6); three months, 188.1p (433.6c); six months, 192.3p (442.0c); one-year, 207.3p (461.2c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 181-81.5p; three months, 186.5-86.5p; seven months, 192-93.0p. Sales, 59 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 182.7-83.0p; three months, 187.0-87.5p; seven months, 194.0-96.0p. Settlement, 183.0p. Sales, 19 lots.

TIN.—Standard metal (cash) rose by £30 yesterday and three months by £7.50. High-grade (cash) was £30 up and three months £5 dearer.

Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,150-60 a metric ton; three months, £3,070-80. Sales, 220 tons. High grade, Cash, £3,150-60; three months, £3,075-85. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,130-40; three months, £3,060-65. Settlement, £3,140. Sales, 705 tons. High grade, cash, £3,130-40; three months, £3,065-75. Settlement, £3,140. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, SM971 a picul.

LEAD was idle.—Afternoon.—Cash, £232-32.50 a metric ton; three months, £218-19.00. Sales, nil. Morning.—Cash, £230.50-31.00; three months, £217.50-18.00. Settlement, £231.00. Sales, 300 tons.

ZINC closed very steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £338.50-39.50 a metric ton; three months, £334.50-35.50. Sales, 2,025 tons. Morning.—Cash, £337-00-38.00; three months, £334.00-34.50. Settlement, £338.00. Sales, 3,425 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM fell by 25p yesterday to £75.75-£77.75 ($176-$181) a troy ounce.

RUBBER moved uncertainly ahead yesterday morning, but soon achieved a limit-rise on terminal. Jobber profit-taking and long liquidation were jointly featured in an extended advance and eventually reversed the trend, notably in the forward positions.

Physical offtake remained thin and routine. Dealers said the market appeared to be striving in two directions at the same time. The Malaysian government support measures were still a bolstering influence. Some sources expect tapping for the current month to end late next week—a measure that could extend into the New Year, the sources said.

But problems in the motor industry, allied to economic pressures, were cited by some sources as depressing influences. First hand physical offers from the East were reported by some sources to be dear in relation to London levels and only sparsely available. Some sources said lower exports of sheet and crepe rubber from Singapore and West Malaysia in September could be interpreted bearishly.

The turnover closed irregular at 3.90p to 0.30p per kilo higher on balance. The turnover was 279 lots of 15 tonnes each, including 47 kerbs. Cif's finished quiet. Spot was 1.00p to 1.50p higher on balance, while nearby top sheets were 1.75p to 1.00p higher.

Jan, 26.50p nominal per kilo; Feb, 27.90-28.20p; Jan-March, 27.15-28.25p; April-June, 29.55-60p; July-Sept, 29.45-29.70p; Oct-Dec, 29.65-75p; Jan-March, 29.90-30.00p; April-June, 29.50-30.20p; July-Sept, 29.50-30.30p. Sales, 279 15-tonne lots.

RUBBER PHYSICALS.—Spot: 27.00-29.00p. Cif's Jan, 28.25-29.00p; Feb, 28.25-29.00p.

WOOL.—Greasy futures closed steady. Dec, 155.0-60.0p per kilo; March, 159.0-60.0p; May, 165.0-64.0p; July, 163.5-66.0p; Oct, 167.0-67.5p; Dec, 156.0-62.0p; March, 162.0-71.0p; May, 162.0-72.0p. Sales: 20 lots.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade Dec-Jan £238.50 nominal; Bangladesh white "D" grade Dec-Jan £228.50 nominal a long ton.

CALCUTTA quiet.—Indian Dec-Jan, Rs460; Dundee Daisee Dec-Jan Rs400 a bale of 400lb.

COFFEE.—Robusta terminal was steadier after lunch on a spate of jobber-covering in front of the weekend, but the rise was short-lived and by the close prices had settled back to around morning levels—£4.5 to £6.5 lower on balance.

Arabicas closed 60 to 165 points lower on balance in sales of 15 lots.

Robustas closed easier.—Jan, £465.0-

Commodities

55.5 a long ton: March, £459.0-59.5; May, £460.0-60.5; July, £465.5-66.0; Sept, £468.0-70.0; Nov, £469.0-70.0; Jan, £469.0-75.0. Sales, 1,295 lots, including six options.

Arabicas closed dull.—Dec, $69.00-70.00 per 50 kilos; Feb, $69.70-70.00; April, $67.00-68.70; June, $68.00-68.70; Aug, $68.70-69.00; Oct, $68.60-69.00; Dec, $68.60-69.00. Sales: 15 lots.

COCOA futures moved higher yesterday afternoon to new peaks for the day in the majority of positions. Weekend covering was prominent. The final tone was irregular. Spot December closed just below its high at £6.00 up on balance. Other months finished £12.00 per tonne lower on balance to £1.00 higher.

Dec, £770.0-4.0 a metric ton; March, £679.0-80.0; May, £614.0-4.5; July, £590.0-4.0; Sept, £560.0-2.0. Sales: 4,662 lots, including 18 options. ICO prices, daily, 65.27c; 15-day average, 68.14c; 22-day, 73.83c (United States cents a lb).

SUGAR.—Terminal after lunch yesterday was initially marked up the £20 limit, but trade selling and profit-taking soon unsettled the market and prices moved lower. Jobber bookwquaring caused irregular price movements at times, but otherwise there was a general reluctance to open fresh positions in front of the weekend.

Prices finished £16 higher to unchanged on balance and sales totalled 2,626 lots.

March, £482.00-4.00 a long ton; May, £462.00-2.50; Aug, £411.00-13.00; Oct, £370.10-78.00; Dec, £341.00-5.00; March, £301.00-5.00; May, £288.00-9.00. Sales: 2,626 lots. ISA prices, 46.05c. 17-day average, 55.80c.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring number one 13½ per cent, Dec, £111.20 trans-shipment east coast. US dark northern spring number two 14 per cent, Dec, £108.65; Jan, £110.00; Feb, £111.20 trans-shipment east coast. Jan, £106.50 direct shipment Tilbury. US hard winter number two ord, Jan, £104.25; Feb, £105.60; March, £106.90 trans-shipment east coast; Feb, £102.20 direct shipment Tilbury. MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French, Dec, £72.50; Jan, £72.75; Feb, £73.50 trans-shipment east coast. A long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY slightly easier.—Jan, £62.25; March, £63.20; May, £67.80. WHEAT, slightly easier.—Jan, £63.35; March, £66.20; May, £68.85. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—Soft milling WHEAT.—Aberdeen, £65.00; Lincoln, £65.50. Feeding BARLEY.—Aberdeen, £57.00; Lincoln, £60.20.

US gold coin imports jump to $74m

Washington, Dec 5.—United States gold coin imports in October totalled $74.7m (about (£32.5m) compared with just over $40m in September, United States trade data shows.

In the first ten months of this year, coin imports were a record 2.7 million ounces, valued at $460m. Gold coin imports have risen sharply since December last year when the United States Treasury liberalized the purchase of the coins by Americans.

Informed sources said the jewellery industry and coin dealers would normally be expected to build up their inventories for the Christmas season.—Reuter.

US stockpile Bills delayed

The White House has failed to supply Congress with enough specific information to justify releasing large amounts of silver, cadmium, chromite, tin and lead from Government stockpiles, Representative Charles Bennett said.

Mr Bennett, chairman of the House Armed Services Sub-committee, which handles stockpile legislation, said he will not act on pending Bills to release these metals until he receives more information.

Currently pending before the sub-committee are Bills to release 117.8m troy ounces of silver, 3.9m short tons of chromite, 1.5m lb of cadmium, 100,000 long tons of tin, and 464,900 short tons of lead.

Action on the pending Bills will now almost certainly be delayed until 1975, informed sources said.

Congress passed several other Bills last year releasing amounts of copper, aluminium and zinc from Government stockpiles at the request of President Nixon.—Reuter.

Rubber stocks rise

World natural rubber production in August totalled 320,000 tonnes against consumption of 265,000, preliminary figures from the International Rubber Study Group show. Stocks at the end of August are placed at 1,807,500 tonnes compared with 1,720,000 on January 1.

Synthetic rubber production was 582,500 tonnes against consumption of 547,500 tonnes. Stocks were 1,785,000 tonnes compared with 1,665,000 on January 1.

Natural rubber production in the eight months to August 31 is estimated at 2,317,500 tonnes and consumption at 2,285,000 tonnes.

Spooner at fresh peak

Profits of Spooner Industries were stationary at midway after the preceding full year's breakneck pace. Thus, the outcome for the year to Septmbr 30 is commendable enough in the conomic circumstances, with pre-tax earnings increased 11 per cent to a record £686,000 on turnover 16 per cent higher at £9.46m. The "net", however, remained steady at £315,000 (£317,000).

Foreign Exchange

Trading on the foreign exchanges was fairly subdued yesterday. The dollar had a mixed session, but closed firmer against both the West German mark and the Swiss franc in spite of more gloomy news about the state of the United States domestic economy.

However, the dollar did show an easier tendency at one stage of the day following the publication of American unemployment figures.

Sterling closed 5 points up against the dollar, at $2.3300, after ranging between $2.3265 and $2.3310. Its effective depreciation rate (from December, 1971), against 10 key currencies, held steady at 20.5 per cent.

The price of gold bullion showed a further recovery following the setback which followed the news last Tuesday of an auction of two million ounces in the United States next month. The price ended at $179.25 an ounce, with a net gain of 50 cents. Dealers said that trading was rather less active than on other days this week.

The Hungarian National Bank has negotiated a $40m eight-year 10.5 per cent bond issue with the Kuwait International Investment company to help Hungary's export projects. The bonds will be issued at par and be repaid in five equal instalments each year from 1978.

Discount market

Rates were a little bit jumpy at first yesterday. The prediction earlier in the week had been that Friday could be the difficult day. It, therefore, took some time for rates to settle down, though they stayed comparatively low, fluctuating between 9½ and 10½ per cent for the first hour.

A range of 9 to 9½ per cent was set by mid-morning, and most of the day's business was done within this band. Bids as low as one half per cent were heard near the finish, though most houses had already closed their books within a spread of 2 to 4 per cent.

The Bank of England did not intervene, and it looked as though banks would be carrying rather above-target balances across the weekend to Monday.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Bont. H. Ord (50)	55
Bristol 10% Pf (£)	£95½
Callender G (£rd 10)	8¼
E Anglian Wtr 10% Pf (£)	£9½
Eastbourne Wtr 10% (£)	£97
Finance for Ind 14% 1983 (£)	£97¼
Lybox 12% Cnv 1994	£125
Mid Sussex Wtr 15% Db	95
Newcastle Wtr 10% Pf (£)	£96½
Union Gold Mines	310-5
UDT 10% CNV (£100)	£91½

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renunc.	
Bank Hapoalim (25p)	..	30
Chloride	..	¼ prem-½
Com Union (60)	Dec 12	11-2
Pahang Cons (25p)	Jan 10	35-1

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex Dividend. † Issued by Tender. ‖ Nil paid.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) December 6	Market rates (close) December 6
New York	$2.3265-3310	$2.3295-3305
Montreal	$2.2975-3020	$2.3005-3015
Amsterdam	5.95½-99fl	5.97½-98½fl
Brussels	86.40-85f	86.55-75f
Copenhagen	13.65-74k	13.66-67k
Frankfurt	5.74-78½m	5.77½-75½m
Lisbon	57.50-80e	57.70-90e
Madrid	131.75-132.25p	132.00-20p
Milan	1545-49lr	1546-48lr
Oslo	12.48-52k	12.50½-51½k
Paris	10.73-75f	10.73½-74½f
Stockholm	9.58-62k	9.60-61k
Tokyo	695-700y	698-700y
Vienna	40.80-41.30sch	41.00-20sch
Zurich	6.14-23f	6.19-20f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971, unchanged at 20.5 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.60-.50c prem	2.55-2.45c prem
Montreal	.65-.55c prem	2.55-2.45c prem
Amsterdam	3⅞-2⅞c prem	10⅞-9⅞c prem
Brussels	10c prem-10c disc	50-30c prem
Copenhagen	4-7ö disc	4½-7½ö disc
Frankfurt	2⅞-1⅞pf prem	9⅞-8⅞pf prem
Lisbon	30c prem-60c disc	60c prem-100c disc
Milan	9-13lr disc	24-26lr disc
Oslo	7-5ö prem	20-18ö prem
Paris	3½-6½c disc	12½-15½c disc
Stockholm	2ö prem-par	6-4ö prem
Vienna	25gro prem-par	60-30gro prem
Zurich	3⅞-1⅞c prem	8⅞-7⅞c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $1.0123-26.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 7⅞-8⅛; seven days, 8⅞-9⅛; one month, 10⅞-11; three months, 10⅞-10⅞; six months, 10⅞-10⅞.

Gold fixed: am, $179.75 (an ounce); pm, $180.0.

Krugerrand (per coin): $205-210 (£88-90).

Sovereigns: (old), $61-63 (£26-26½); (new), $62½-63½ (£26¾-27¾).

The Times Share Indices

The Times Share Indices for 06.12.74 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No.	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	64.34	14.27	28.34	65.31
Largest Coys.	64.03	14.64	28.88	65.70
Smaller Coys.	65.73	15.02	31.04	66.09
Capital Goods	61.24	14.84	30.52	62.36
Consumer Goods	71.94	14.32	25.35	72.64
Store Shares	59.94	14.18	23.27	60.59
Largest financial shares	50.56	11.20	—	50.92
Largest financial and industrial shares	67.55	13.50	—	68.39
Commodity shares	170.65	11.89	24.73	155.63
Gold Mining shares	570.15	5.66	8.68	560.27
Industrial debenture stocks	68.45	9.46*	—	68.41
Industrial preference stocks	42.46	16.46*	—	42.47
3½% War Loan	20⅞	16.34*	—	20⅞

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	198.47 (15.05.72)	63.34 (16.07.35)
1974	136.25 (15.02.74)	[illegible]
1973	[illegible]	[illegible]
1972	[illegible]	[illegible]
1971	[illegible]	[illegible]
1970	145.78	[illegible]
1969	171.95	122.98

* Adjusted to 1964 base date.
* Flat interest yield.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11¾%
(Last changed 20.9.74)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 12%

Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend: Open 4 Close 10½
Week Fixed: 10⅛-10½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10⅝	2 months	10⅞
3 months	11⅛	3 months	10⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	12⅛-12⅛	3 months	13⅛
3 months	12⅛-12⅛	4 months	13⅛
4 months	12⅞-12⅞	6 months	13⅝
6 months	13⅛-13		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11⅞-11⅞	7 months	13⅞-13¹¹⁄₁₆
2 months	12⅛-11⅞	8 months	13⅞-13¹¹⁄₁₆
3 months	12⅛-12⅛	9 months	13¹³⁄₁₆-13¹¹⁄₁₆
4 months	13⅛-12⅞	10 months	14-13⅞
5 months	13⅛-13⅛	11 months	14-13⅞
6 months	13⅛-13⅛	12 months	14-13⅞

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	11⅞-11⅞	6 months	13⅞-13⅞
3 months	12⅞-12⅞	12 months	14-13⅞

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	11-11⅛	3 months	12⅞-13
7 days	11⅛-11⅞	6 months	13⅞-13⅞
1 month	11⅞	1 year	13⅞

Interbank Market (%)
Weekend: Open 10 Close 2

1 week	7⅛-10	6 months	13⅞-13⅞
1 month	11⅛-11⅞	9 months	13⅞-13⅞
3 months	12⅞-12⅞	12 months	13⅞-13⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 13⅛ 6 months 13⅞

Finance House Base Rate 12½%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£561.9m	allotted	£250m
Bids at	£97.225%	received	5%
Last week	£97.26%	received	45%
Average rate	£10.9900%	Last week	£10.9844%
Next week	£250m	replace	£150m

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS

	Bid	Offer
Airlease 8¾ 1988 ..	73	75
American Motors 9 1989	80	82
Anglo-American 7½ 1987	67	70
Ashland 8 1987 ..	83¾	84¾
Austraswiss 8 1987 ..	83¼	84¼
BICC 7¾ 1987 ..	60	63
Bluebell 7¾ 1987 ..	69	72
Bristol 8¾ 1979 ..	87	89
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989 ..	79	81
Burlington 7¾ 1987 ..	83¾	84¾
Cadbury 7¾ 1990 ..	61	64
Carrier 8 1987 ..	82½	83½
Colombia 8¼ 1988 ..	86	88
Cons Food 7½ 1991 ..	82½	83½
Copenhagen County Auth 7½ 1987 ..	77	78½
Coventry 8¼ 1981 ..	87½	89½
Coventry 8¼ 1980 ..	86	88
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988 ..	85	86
Cutler Hammer 8 1987 ..	87½	88¾
Dana 8 1987 ..	82½	83½
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990 ..	78½	79½
Denmark Mtge Bank 7½ 1991 ..	74¾	75¾
Dundee 9½ 1985 ..	88	90
Escom 9½ 1989 ..	86	88
EIB 8¼ 1988 ..	87½	89½
Eurofima 8½ 1989 ..	89	90½
First Chicago 7 1980 ..	90½	91½
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984 ..	78	82
Fisons 8¼ 1987 ..	69	72
GATX 8¾ 1987 ..	84¼	85¼
General Cables 8¼ 1987	87	88
Guardian Royal 8 1987	69	72
GHH 7¾ 1988 ..	80	81
Hambros 7¾ 1987 ..	70	73
Hammersly 8 1987 ..	74½	76
Hilton 7¾ 1987 ..	56	60
ICI 7¾ 1992 ..	68	71
International Util 8¾ 1982 ..	90	91
Kleinwort 8¼ 1987 ..	71	73
Lancashire 9½ 1981 ..	90	92
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988 ..	69	72
Manchester 8¼ 1981 ..	85	87
Mexico 8½ 1991 ..	78	80
Michelin 7½ 1988 ..	79	80
Mitsubishi 9 1989 ..	93	95
Motorola 8 1987 ..	86¼	87¼
Nat & Grindlays 7½ 1987 ..	69	72
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988 ..	77	80
Norges Komm 7½ 1990 ..	80½	81½
N A Rockwell 7¾ 1979 ..	93½	95½
N A Rockwell 8¼ 1987 ..	82¼	83¼
Nottingham 8¾ 1979 ..	88	90
Pacific Lighting 8 1988 ..	82½	83½
Pennwalt 8 1987 ..	83½	84½
Quebec Hydro 8½ 1989 ..	91½	92½
Quebec (Province) 7½ 1988 ..	82½	83½
Queensland 8¼ 1987 ..	83½	84½
Ralston 7½ 1987 ..	85½	86½
RHM 8 1988 ..	70	73
SAS 8 1987 ..	80¼	81¼
Scanraff 7¾ 1990 ..	85	86
Scanraff 8¾ 1988 ..	90½	91½
Shell 7½ 1987 ..	84¼	85¼
Singapore 7½ 1987 ..	79	—
Slough 8 1988 ..	49	52
South Africa 8 1987 ..	72	75
SIB 7¾ 1987 ..	83½	85¼
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980 ..	99	100
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988 ..	92½	93½
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988 ..	95½	96½
Sybron 8 1987 ..	83¾	84¾
Tenneco 7½ 1979 ..	93½	94½
Tenneco 7½ 1987 ..	79	80
Textron 7½ 1987 ..	79	80
Town & City 8 1988 ..	35	40
Transocean Gulf 7 1987 ..	85½	86½
Union Oil 7 1979 ..	93	94
Union Oil 7½ 1987 ..	85½	86½
UDT 8¾ 1988 ..	50	55
Utah 7½ 1979 ..	92½	93½
Utah 8 1987 ..	83½	84½
Venezuela 8¼ 1987 ..	90	92
Volvo 8 1987 ..	80½	81½
Wellcome 8¼ 1987 ..	66	69
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987 ..	66	69

NON-$ BONDS

	Bid	Offer
BASF (FF) 7½ 1987 ..	70	72
Bass (FF) 7½ 1987 ..	64	66
Bat Int Fin (FF) 7½ 1987	67	69
Brascan (DM) 8¾ 1988	85½	86½
BLMC (FF) 7½ 1987 ..	54	57
Charter (FF) 7½ 1987	54	
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1968/85	72	
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	75	
Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1989	96	
Denmark (FF) 7¾ 1988	70	
EIB (FF) 7¼ 1988	68	
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	66	
Estel (DM) 7¾ 1988	86	
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	79	
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	86	
Lafarge (FF) 7½ 1987	70	
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	79	
Occidental (DM) 6¾ 1969/76	96	
Sudafrica (DM) 8¾ 1970/85	85	
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1989	83	
Trans Euro Pipeline (DM) 8 1993	79	
Voest-Alpine (DM) 8½ 1988	92	

$ CONVERTIBLES

	Bid
AMF 5 1987 ..	39
Alaska Int 6 1987 ..	37
American Express 4¼ 1987 ..	67
American Motors 6 1993	50
American Medical 5½ 1992	
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	
Borden 5 1992 ..	
Borden 6¾ 1991	
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	
Carnation 4 1987	
Cummins 6¾ 1986	
Damon 5¾ 1987	
Dart 4¾ 1987	
E Asia Navigation 6¾ 1989	
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	
Eaton 5 1987	
Ford 5 1988	
Ford 6 1986	
Fedders 5 1992	
Gillette 4¾ 1987	
Gould 5 1987	
General Electric 4¼ 1987	
Halliburton 4¾ 1987	
Harris 5 1992	
Honeywell 6 1986	
Hongkong Land Com 7¾ 1988	
ITT 4¾ 1987	
ITT Sheraton 6½ 1989	
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	
J P Morgan 4¾ 1987	
Mohasco 5 1987	
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	
J C Penney 4½ 1987	
Revlon 4¾ 1987	
Ramada 6¾ 1986	
Rank Org 4½ 1993	
Sime Darby 5¾ 1988	
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	
Slater Walker 5¾ 1987	
Southland 5 1987	
Squibb 4¾ 1987	
United Overseas Bank 6½ 1988	
Warner Lambert 4½ 1988	
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	
Xerox Corp 5 1988	

DM = Deutschmark issue. F = French Franc Issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody London.

WOODROW WYATT

Pretax profits for [cut] £214,000 (£190,000); sa[les] (£2m); earnings per sh[are] (2.73p); interim divid[end] (1.5p).

Wall Street

New York, Dec 6.—On the New York Stock Exchange today a sharp increase in the November unem*ployment rate kept share prices* under moderate selling pressure up to midday, extending yesterday's fairly sharp decline. The Labour Department reported the jobless rate last month rose to 6.5 per cent, its highest level in more than 13 years.

Phillips Petroleum fell $3½ to $39 after a delayed opening. It was reported earlier in the week that Norway was considering possible tax increases on North Sea oil. Texas Instruments dropped $2⅞ to $65⅜. IBM fell $2⅞ to $164. Issues down $1 or more included Exxon Corp, Standard Oil of Ohio and Schlumberger. Gold mining shares were narrowly mixed.

*Yesterday the Dow Jones indus*trial average sank 11.58 to 587.06, close to its 12-year low of 584.56 on October 4 this year.

Declining issues overwhelmed gains about 1,045 to 325. Volume was a modest 12,890,000 shares compared with 12,580,000 shares on Wednesday.

	Dec 5	Dec 4		Dec 5	Dec 4		Dec 5	Dec 4
Allied Chem.	31	31½	Gen Foods	17⅛	17⅜	Schering Plough	52½	53⅛
Allied Stores	16¾	16⅝	Gen. Instr.	5⅞	5⅞	Schlumbgr.	104⅛	108⅛
Allied Supermkt.	2	2⅛	Gen. Mills	37⅛	38	Scott. Paper	12½	13
Allis Chalmers	6⅞	6¾	Gen. Motors	29⅛	29½	Seaboard Coast	26½	27⅛
Alcoa	26	27¼	Gen Pub Util N.Y.	10½	10⅞	Sears Roe.	44⅞	46⅛
Amax Inc	31½	33	Gen. Tel. El.	16⅞	17	Shell Oil	42⅞	42⅞
Amerada Hess	14⅜	14¾	Gen. Tire	11	11⅛	Shell Trans.	13⅛	13⅛
Am. Airlines	5⅞	6	Genesco	3	3	Signal Co	13⅞	14⅛
Am. Brands	31¼	31⅞	Georgia Pac	27⅞	27⅞	Singer	10⅛	11½
Am. Broadcast	12⅜	12⅝	Getty Oil	128	132¼	Sony	5	4⅞
Am. Can.	25¼	25⅝	Gillette	23⅞	23⅞	Sth Cal Edison	17⅛	17½
Am. Cyan.	20⅞	20⅞	Goodrich	15	15⅞	Southern Pac.	26⅛	26⅞
Am. El. Power	14⅝	14¾	Goodyear	12⅞	12⅞	Southern Rly.	38	39⅛
Am. Home	34¼	34⅞	Gould Inc.	16⅛	16	Sperry Rand	25⅞	26⅛
Am. Motors	3⅞	3⅞	Grace	22⅞	22⅛	Squibb	30½	31
Am. Nat. Gas	34⅜	34⅜	Grant W.T.	2⅛	2⅛	Std. Brands	49⅛	49½
Am. Smelt.	15¼	15⅞	Gt. Atl. & Pac.	8⅛	8⅛	Std. Oil Cal.	20⅞	20⅞
Am. Standard	8	8	Greyhound	10	10⅛	Std. Oil Ind.	81⅛	83⅞
Am. Tel.	41⅛	41⅞	Grumman Cp.	9⅛	9½	Std. Oil Ohio	58	58⅛
Amf. Inc.	10	10	Gulf Oil	16⅞	16⅞	Sterling Drug	20½	20⅛
Anaconda	13⅝	14½	Gulf Wn. Ind.	21½	22	Stevens J.P.	10⅛	10⅛
Armco Steel	21⅞	21⅞	Heinz. H. J.	35⅛	36	Stude Worth	22⅛	22⅞
Ashland Oil	16	16⅜	Hercules	25⅞	26	Sunbeam Cp.	11⅛	11½
Atl. Richfield	87⅛	89¼	Honeywell	18⅛	18⅞	Sundstrand	10½	10⅞
Avco	2⅞	2¾	Illinois Cent Ind	12	12⅛	Sun Oil	37	37
Avon Prod.	28½	29⅞	Ingersoll	62⅞	65⅛	Teledyne	10⅛	10⅞
Babcock & Wcox	13⅝	13	Inland Steel	30	30⅞	Tenneco	21⅛	21½
Bankers Tst NY	33⅞	33¾	I.B.M.	166¼	169⅛	Texaco	20½	20⅞
Bank of Am.	33⅞	34⅛	Int. Harv.	20⅛	19⅞	Texas East Trans	28	28⅛
Bank of N.Y.	25⅜	25¼	Int. Nickel	20⅛	20½	Texas Inst.	67⅞	72½
Beat Fds.	14½	14⅝	Int. Paper	32⅞	35⅛	Texas Utilities	19½	19⅞
Bect. Dick	25	26¾	Int. Tel. Tel.	14⅛	14½	Textron	13⅛	13½
Bell & Howell	9⅞	10⅛	Jewel Co	18	17⅞	T.W.A.	5⅞	6
Bendix	21⅛	21	Jim Walter	21	21⅛	Travelers Gp.	17½	17⅞
Beth. Steel	25⅜	25½	Johns Manv.	16⅞	17	T.R.W. Inc.	12⅞	12⅞
Boeing	16⅞	17½	Johnson & John	78⅞	79⅞	U.A.L. Inc.	15⅛	15⅛
Boise Cascade	10⅛	10⅜	Kaiser Alum.	13½	13½	Unilever Ltd.	15	14⅞
Borden	18⅞	19⅛	Kennecott	34⅞	36	Unilever N.V.	30⅛	29⅛
Borg Warner	12⅛	13⅛	Kerr McGee	67	69½	Unionamerica	2	2
Bristol Myers	46⅛	46⅛	Kimb. Clk.	22⅞	22⅞	Union Bancorp	6⅛	6⅛
BP	5	5	Kraftco Cp.	33⅞	32⅞	Union Carb.	39	39⅛
Budd	7⅛	7⅛	Kresge S.S.	19⅞	21⅛	Un. Oil Cal.	32⅛	32⅞
Burl. Ind.	15⅛	15⅜	Kroger	15⅛	15⅛	Un. Pacific Corp.	68½	70⅞
Burlington Nthn	34⅛	34	Ligg. Myer	24⅛	24⅞	Uniroyal	6	5⅞
Burroughs	73⅝	76	L.T.V.	9⅛	10⅛	United Aircraft	28⅛	28⅞
Campbell Soup	25⅝	26⅛	Litton	3⅞	3⅞	United Brands	2⅞	2⅞
Canadian Pac.	12⅞	13⅛	Lockheed	4⅛	4⅛	Utd Merch & Man	13⅛	13⅛
Caterpillar	44⅞	47⅛	Lucky Stores	8⅛	8⅛	U.S. Industries	2⅞	2⅞
Celanese	25⅛	25⅛	Magnavox	5	5⅛	U.S. Steel	36½	37⅞
Central Sova	10⅛	10½	Manuf Hanover	27⅛	27⅞	Wachovia	12⅞	12½
Charter N.Y.	19	19⅛	Mapco	27	27⅞	Warner Comm	7⅛	7⅛
Chase Manhat.	26⅞	27⅛	Marathon Oil	32⅞	33⅛	Warner Lambert	23⅛	23⅞
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	32⅞	33⅜	Marcor Inc.	14⅛	14⅛	Wells Fargo	13½	13⅛
Chesapeake Ohio	52	52⅜	Marine Mid.	16	16⅛	West'n Bancorp	16	16
Chrysler	7⅛	7⅜	Martin Mar.	13½	13⅞	Westghs El.	8⅞	8⅞
Citicorp	27	28⅞	McDonnell	8⅞	8⅞	Weyerhaeuser	26⅞	27⅛
Cities Serv.	43½	43⅞	Mead	13½	14	Whirlpool	14	15
Clark Equip	19	19⅛	Merck	63	65⅛	White Motor	7⅞	8⅞
Coca Cola	49⅛	50⅛	Minn. Min.	46	47⅞	Woolworth	9⅞	9½
Colgate	22	22⅛	Mobil Oil	31⅞	32⅛	Xerox Cp.	55⅛	57⅛
C.B.S.	30	30⅛	Monsanto	40⅛	42	Zenith	11½	11½
Columbia Gas	19⅜	20⅛	Morgan. J. P.	52½	53⅛			
Comb Eng	29	29⅞	Motorola	39⅛	40½			
Comw. Edison	22⅛	22	NCR Corp	14⅛	15⅛			
Con. Edison	6⅞	6⅞	NL Ind	13⅛	13⅛			
Cons Foods	12½	12⅛	Nat. Bisc.	22⅞	22½			
Cons Power	9½	9⅝	Nat. Distill.	13⅛	14			
Cont. Can.	22⅛	23	Nat. Steel	31⅞	31⅛			
Cont. Oil	41	42½	Norfolk West	58⅛	60			
Control Data	10⅛	11	NW Bancor	32⅞	33⅛			
Corning Glass	30½	33	Norton Simon	11	10⅞			
C.P.C. Intnl.	31⅝	31⅛	Occ. Pet.	13	13⅛			
Crane	30⅛	30⅞	Ogden	15	15	Canadian Prices		
Crocker Int	16⅛	17⅛	Olin Corp.	15⅛	15⅛	Abitibi	10	10⅛
Crown Zeller	20⅞	22	Otis Elev.	24⅛	24⅛	Alcan	18½	19⅞
Dart Ind.	13½	13⅞	Owens Ill.	30⅛	31	Alg. Steel	22½	23
Deere	36⅛	38½	Pac. Gas. El.	19⅛	20⅛	Asbestos	15½	15⅞
Del Monte	19⅛	19⅛	Pan. Am.	2	2⅛	Bell Tel.	43½	43⅞
Delta Air	31⅞	34½	Penn. Cent.	1⅛	1⅛	Can. Sup. Oil	24	25
Detroit Edison	8⅞	8⅞	Penney J C	36	37⅛	Can. Inv. Fd.	3.95	3.97
Distil. Seagram	31⅛	31⅞	Pennzoil	17⅛	18⅛	Cominco	23⅛	23⅛
Disney	19⅛	21⅛	Pepsico	37⅛	38	Cons. Bat.	23⅞	24
Dow Chem.	51⅞	53⅝	Pet Corp	16⅛	16⅞	Distiller	30⅞	31⅛
Dresser Ind.	43⅛	44⅛	Pfizer	30⅛	30½	Falconbridge	24½	24
Duke Power	10½	11	Phelps Dod.	26⅛	26⅛	Gulf Oil	20⅛	20⅞
Du Pont	86⅞	88⅛	Philip Mor.	44⅞	45⅞	Hawker Can.	4.00	4.00
Eastern Air	4	4	Phill. Pet.	42⅛	44	Hud. Bay Min	13	13
East. Kodak	60⅛	62⅛	Polaroid	19⅛	20⅛	Hud. Bay Oil	17	17⅛
Eaton Corp.	20	20	P P G Ind.	21⅞	22⅛	I.A.C. Ltd.	17⅛	17⅛
El Paso G.	10⅛	10⅛	Proc. Gamble	80⅞	81⅞	Imasco	23	22⅛
Equitable Life	12⅞	13	Pub.Ser.El & Gas	11½	13⅛	Imp. Oil	20⅛	20⅞
Esmark	21	23⅞	Pullman	41⅞	41⅞	Int. Pipe	10½	10⅛
Evans P. D.	2⅞	2⅞	Rapid American	8	7⅛	Mass.-Fergsn.	12⅞	13
Exxon Corp	60⅞	61½	Raytheon	22⅞	23⅛	Power Cp.	8⅞	8⅛
Firestone	12⅞	12½	RCA Corp	10⅛	10⅛	Price Bros.	12⅞	12½
Fst. Chicago	16⅞	17⅛	Repub. Steel	22⅞	23⅛	Royal Trust	20½	20⅛
Fst. Nt. Boston	27⅞	28⅞	Reynolds Ind.	49⅛	50⅞	Steel Co.	23⅛	23⅛
Fst. Penn Corp	14⅞	15	Reynolds Metal	15⅛	15⅛	Tex. Can.	24⅛	24⅛
Ford	30½	30½	Rockwell Int	18½	18⅞	Trans. Mnt. Oil	8⅞	8⅞
G.A.F. Corp.	7⅛	7⅛	Royal Dutch	26½	27	Walker H.	35½	35½
Gamble Skogmo	21⅞	22	Safeways	34	34⅛	W.C.T.	19⅛b	18⅞
Gen. Dynam.	16⅛	16⅞	St. Regis	20⅛	20⅛			
Gen. Electric	34⅜	35⅜	Santa Fe Ind	26⅞	28⅛			

• Ex Div. a Asked. c Ex Distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot $2.3300 ($2.3289); three months, $2.2963 ($2.3034); Canadian dollar, 101.26c (101.30c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index up .93 to 399.45. The futures index was down .74 to 378.28.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 587.06 (598.64); transportation, 141.29 (144.50); utilities, 66.40 (66.52); 65 stocks, 192.41 (195.86). New York Stock Exchange index, 35.08 (35.74); industrials, 37.92 (38.72); transportation, 26.09 (26.87); utilities, 35.91 (36.07); financial, 39.32 (39.98).

Sugar futures close limit up 2c

New York, Dec 5.—WORLD SUGAR in No 1 contract futures closed mostly at the limit up of 2.00 cents for the first time since November 21 when the market started an extensive technical correction amounting to 18 cents. Jan, 47.00c nominal; March, 47.60-8.10c; May, 45.80-6.75c; July, 43.93c; Sept, 40.05c; Oct, 37.65c; March, 28.10c asked; May, 25.35c. Spot, 46.00c up 50.

COTTON.—Futures closed at or near the lows of the day at 0.40 to 0.75 cents lower on scattered commission house selling in a market lacking particular incentives. Dec, 40.65c; March, 39.95-95c; May, 40.65c; July, 41.50c; Oct, 43.40-45c; Dec, 44.35c; March, 44.75c; May, 45.05c bid.

COCOA. There was evidence of a European manufacturer buying in the distant December and March. The overseas manufacturers are known to buy distant months here because of the absence of very forward *contracts on the London* cocoa market. Dec, 73.26c; March, 65.30c; May, 60.40c; July, 68.30c; Sept, 56.40c; Dec, 53.60c; March, 51.50c; May, nil. Spots: Ghana 86c nominal; Bahia 79¼c.

COFFEE. Futures in 'C' contract remained in a depressed state during the latter part of the afternoon with buyers scarce and sellers inclined to press. The 'C' contract closed about 1.60 to 3.00 cents down for the day, the two cent dip being in the active March which closed at 58.10 cents. Dec, 58.10c; March, 58.00-7.90c; May, 58.70-90c; July, 59.50-90c; Sept, 60.30-50c; Nov, unquoted.

COPPER futures closed steady between 120 and 160 points up on 600 lots, Dec, 57.80c; Jan, 58.40c; Feb, 59.10c; March, 59.70c; May, 61.00c; July, 62.30c; Sept, 63.60c; Dec, 65.40c; Jan, 66.00c.

SILVER.—Comex Silver Futures closed 2.3 to 3.0 cents higher for the day following a sharply erratic trend in the afternoon. Dec, 424.30c; Jan, 427.50c; Feb, 431.70c; March, 436.00c; May, 444.10c; July, 451.40c; Sept, 458.30c; *Dec, 467.90c; Jan, 471.00c; March,* 477.20c. Handy and Harman $428.5 (previous $417.0).

121.5c bid; Oct, 126.0-30.0c; Dec,

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. — Soyabeans closed up 4½ to eight cents a bushel afte late, mostly local selling trimmed best gains. Strength in Meal also contributed to support for Soyabean futures. SOYA-BEANS. — Jan, 766-70c; March, 783-82c; May, 799-97c; July, 805c; Aug, 800c; Sept, 764c; Nov, 730c; Jan, 736c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Dec, $156.00; Jan, $166.00; March, $172.50-3.00; May, $179.00-9.50; July, $181.50; Aug, $181.00; Sept, $185.50-6.00. SOYABEAN OIL.—Dec, 37.50-70c; Jan, 36.70-90c; March, 35.75-85c; May, 35.25-30c; July, 34.80; Aug, 33.95-34.00c; Sept, 33.60-50c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed firm, 5¼ cents higher to unchanged. Dec, 482c; March, 503¾-503c; May, 504-505c; July, 467c; Sept, 473c; Dec, 483c. MAIZE closed firm, 4¼ to ¼ cent higher. Dec, 365¼-367c; March, 375¼-374c; May, 377¼-378c; July, 377¼-378c; Sept, 361c; Dec, 320¼-321c; March, 325¼c. OATS closed firm, 3¼ higher to 1½ cents lower. Dec, 187¼c; March, 184-185¼c; May, 184c; July, 179¼c; Sept, 170c nominal; Dec, 176c nominal.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	12 %
FNFC	13 %
*Hill Samuel	●12½ %
C. Hoare & Co ..	★12 %
Lloyds Bank ..	12 %
Midland Bank ..	12 %
Nat Westminster	12 %
Shenley Trust ..	12½ %
20th Cent Bank	12 %
Williams & Glyn's	12 %

* Members of Accepting Houses Committee.
● Demands deposits, 11¼% £10,000 and over.
★ 7-day deposits in excess of £10,000 up to £25,000 10¼%, over £25,000 10½%.

ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND NO. 91 ON THE 6 PER CENT CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT dividend No. 91 of 3 per cent for the half-year ending 31st December, 1974, equivalent to three cents per stock unit, being at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, has been declared payable to stockholders registered in the books of the Corporation at the close of business on 27th December, 1974, and to persons presenting coupon No. 92 detached from stock warrants to bearer. A notice regarding payment of dividends on coupon No. 92 detached from stock warrants to bearer will be published in the press by the London Secretaries of the Corporation on or about 20th December, 1974.

The stock transfer registers and registers of stockholders will be closed from 28th December, 1974 to 10th January, 1975, both days inclusive, and warrants will be posted from the Johannesburg and United Kingdom offices of the transfer secretaries on or about 30th January, 1975. Registered stockholders paid from the United Kingdom will receive the United Kingdom currency equivalent on 21st January, 1975 of the rand value of their dividends (less appropriate taxes). Any such stockholders may, however, elect to be paid in South African currency, provided that the request is received at the offices of the Corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannesburg or in the United Kingdom on or before 27th December, 1974.

The effective rate of non-resident shareholders' tax is 13.479 per cent.

The dividend is payable subject to conditions which can be inspected at the head and London offices of the Corporation and also at the offices of the Corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannesburg and the United Kingdom.

By order of the Board
For and on behalf of
ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, LIMITED
E. Burrows
Joint London Secretary

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6th December, 1974.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd. Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775			
48.1	21.1	Giants	19.4	21.3	5.90
43.6	22.1	Do Accum	20.4	22.3	5.90
44.7	19.5	Growth	17.7	19.5	6.40
35.2	20.3	Do Accum	18.5	20.3	6.40
45.5	22.3	Income	20.3	22.6	10.00
40.9	24.1	Do Accum	21.8	24.1	10.00
27.2	15.6	Int Accum	14.6	15.6	3.50
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296-5941			
25.3	11.0	Abbey Capital	10.6	11.3	7.97
47.5	18.9	Abbey General	18.6	19.8	4.35
29.0	13.6	Do Income	12.7	13.6	10.82
25.8	13.9	Do Invest	13.1	13.9	7.16
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd. 14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2 01-588 6272			
81.3	35.9	Alben Trst*	33.4	35.9	4.06
53.1	26.5	Do Income*	24.6	26.5	10.00
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
71.6	30.8	Allied Capital	29.3	31.2	9.06
62.7	32.0	Do 1st	30.3	32.3	8.73
63.7	30.2	Brit Ind 2nd	28.6	30.5	9.19
38.9	17.5	Growth & Inc	16.5	17.6	8.97
32.3	15.1	Elec & Ind Dev	14.2	15.2	9.33
37.6	24.7	Met Min & Cmdty	24.1	25.7	7.82
38.3	29.9	High Income	28.1	30.0	9.85
30.6	17.1	Equity Income	16.6	17.7	10.68
24.6	14.1	International	16.0	17.0	2.11
25.0	25.0	HighYieldFnd	23.6	25.1	12.00
115.6	45.3	Hambro Fnd	42.6	45.5	9.71
53.7	23.7	Do Income	22.2	23.7	11.54
96.5	45.0	Do Recovery	42.2	45.0	13.00
30.1	10.7	Do Smaller	10.0	10.7	10.80
25.9	12.7	Do Accum	11.9	12.7	7.86
38.1	14.2	2nd Smaller	13.3	14.2	9.51
50.8	30.4	Secs of America	30.1	32.1	3.19
101.6	89.5	Exempt Fnd	84.9	89.5	8.05
		Ansbacher Unit Management Co Ltd. 1 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7JH. 01-606 4010			
42.4	18.6	Nth American	19.6	21.6	4.03
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd. 252 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5521			
35.0	26.0	Unicorn Amer	24.0	25.3	3.46
69.5	38.7	Aust Income	42.8	46.2	4.46
79.6	42.2	Do Accum	50.4	54.4	4.46
76.3	29.0	Unicorn Capital	27.3	29.2	8.50
75.7	30.9	Exempt	30.0	31.2	11.44
25.3	11.6	Extra Income	11.0	11.6	13.99
56.6	29.5	Financial	24.5	26.2	8.03
68.6	27.3	Unicorn '500'	25.5	27.3	11.16
34.6	12.6	General	11.9	12.7	11.14
40.0	15.4	Growth Accum	14.5	15.5	9.32
75.8	32.0	Income	30.1	32.0	10.94
32.0	15.5	Recovery	14.5	15.5	10.77
125.0	46.4	Trustee	45.5	48.4	9.07
50.3	32.4	Worldwide	33.5	35.5	4.83
100.4	97.7	B'ist Inv Fnd	95.0	97.9	7.11
100.4	98.3	Do Accum	95.4	98.4	7.11
		Brandts Ltd. 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3 01-626 6599			
143.0	86.0	Brandts Cap (4)	82.0	88.0	2.66
146.0	91.0	Do Accum (4)	89.0	95.0	2.40
141.0	77.0	Brandts Inc (4)	72.0	77.0	9.76
		Bridge Trust Management Co Ltd. Plantation Hse, Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
109.0	54.0	Bridge Ex* (2)	50.0	54.0	5.87
256.0	120.0	Do Inc (2)	112.0	120.0	12.60
212.0	88.0	Do Cap (2)	85.0	91.0	5.58
216.0	95.0	Do Cap Acc* (2)	92.0	98.0	5.58
116.0	49.0	O'seas Inc (3)	46.0	49.0	7.63
116.0	52.0	Do Accum (3)	49.0	52.0	7.63
		The British Life Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Ton Wells. 0892 22271			
50.0	23.0	British Life	22.4	23.3	9.33
32.7	18.2	Balanced (2)	17.3	18.2	8.26
38.4	18.5	Cap Accum (2)	17.6	18.5	12.32
46.6	21.5	Dividend (2)	20.3	21.5	12.94
41.3	24.7	Opp Accum (2)	23.5	24.8	9.89
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers. Founders' Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520			
179.5	105.8	Brn Ship Inc (7)	100.8	105.8	6.60
186.6	117.6	Do Accum (7)	112.6	117.6	6.60
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 6 Charles II St, London, SW1. 01-930 6122			
33.5	16.4	Canlife Gen	15.7	16.5	7.72
34.0	17.7	Do Accum	16.9	17.8	7.72
35.8	17.9	Income Dist	17.0	17.9	12.29
25.8	19.4	Do Accum	18.4	19.4	12.29
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd. Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165			
77.3	35.5	Carliol (8)	33.5	35.5	6.58
80.6	38.5	Do Accum	36.5	38.5	6.58
		Charities Official Investment. 77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
137.7	65.7	Inc* (24)	66.0	..	11.00
207.8	85.0	Accum* (24)	88.6	..	6.60
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd. 1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
29.4	12.2	Int (3)	12.8	13.8	4.53
30.0	13.6	Accum (3)	14.0	15.0	4.53
44.8	21.0	Inc (3)	19.8	21.0	11.73
26.4	18.4	Euro Fin (3)	18.0	19.2	1.95
25.0	13.8	Fund Inv (3)	12.8	13.8	7.74
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931			
41.3	9.6	Growth Fnd	9.2	9.8	9.46
53.8	23.9	International	24.9	26.5	3.23
43.2	16.5	Reserves Fnd	15.6	16.6	8.19
46.8	18.9	High Dist	18.0	19.1	13.04
		Discretionary Unit Fund Managers Ltd. Finsbury Hse, 22 Bloomfield St, EC2. 01-638 4485			
124.7	50.3	Income	47.4	50.3	12.49
136.0	59.4	Accum	56.0	59.4	12.49
		Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 43/45 South St, Eastbourne. 0323 36711			
55.8	39.7	Commodity	42.0	45.9	6.52
30.8	17.4	Growth	18.2	19.5	4.01
24.4	13.9	Inv Trust	12.7	13.6	6.86
42.1	23.3	Drayton Inc	21.7	23.4	9.63
39.7	29.0	International	31.0	33.0	3.83
		Equitas Securities Ltd. 41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 02774 53169			
77.5	26.6	Progressive	25.0	26.7	9.33
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd. Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32818			
58.4	24.1	Equity & Law	23.2	24.6	8.84
		Family Fund Managers Ltd. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296 5941			
74.3	46.9	Family Fnd	45.7	48.6	3.38
		Framlington Unit Management Ltd. Spencer Hse, 4 South Place, EC2. 01-628 4968			
72.6	28.4	Capital	26.8	28.4	9.15
62.6	25.6	Income	24.2	25.6	12.24
		Friends' Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
35.1	13.3	Friends Prov	12.6	13.4	9.22
36.9	15.1	Do Accum	14.4	15.3	9.22
		Funds in Court. Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
117.2	49.0	Capital*	47.0	49.0	6.69
88.5	42.0	Gross Income*	40.0	42.0	10.95
97.4	44.0	High Yield*	42.0	44.0	12.59
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
32.9	14.0	G & A	13.2	14.1	9.28
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd. 16 St. Martin's-le-Grand, EC1 01-600 9461 Ext 13			
87.3	36.6	GT Cap	33.6	36.6	4.30
93.5	39.3	Do Accum	36.3	39.3	4.30
99.4	72.2	Do Income	72.9	76.4	7.80
124.6	94.6	Do US Gen Fnd	124.6	127.1	1.00
120.6	94.6	Do Japan Gen	120.6	123.1	1.00
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd. Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-681 1031			
92.0	33.0	Guardhill	31.9	33.0	8.92
		Henderson Administration Ltd. 11 Austin Friars, London, EC2. 01-588 3622			
100.2	44.5	Cabot	41.8	44.5	5.80
197.5	81.0	Henderson Gr*	78.0	81.0	4.97
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd. PO Box 173, Croydon, CR9 6AL. 01-686 1031			
48.1	39.1	Dollar	38.3	41.0	1.75
30.9	19.8	International	18.7	20.1	3.23
144.3	56.8	Brit Trst	55.0	58.9	8.80
144.3	54.8	Brit Guernsey	55.0	58.9	5.90
27.7	10.5	Cap	10.0	10.7	10.88
79.3	37.8	Fin Trst	35.5	38.0	8.54
25.2	9.4	Inc Trst	8.8	9.5	14.76
28.4	11.0	High Yield	10.2	11.0	14.69
47.1	20.2	Secs Trst	18.9	20.3	6.23
		Ionian Unit Trust Management Ltd. 64 Coleman St, London, EC2. 01-638 5666			
101.0	72.5	Foreign Fnd (31)	68.5	75.0	4.73
203.0	74.0	Growth Fnd (25)	69.0	74.0	9.16
108.0	60.0	Inc Fnd (26)	56.0	60.0	14.33
		Jascot Securities Ltd. 31 Young St, Edinburgh. 031-226 6762			
37.6	13.4	Compound (1)	12.1	13.4	14.70
39.0	15.2	Do Accum (1)	13.9	15.2	14.70
39.0	13.7	8½% Wdraw (1)	12.4	13.7	..
24.0	19.0	Preference	17.5	19.0	17.25
24.0	20.1	Do Accum	18.6	20.1	17.14
26.6	10.0	Cap (2)	9.0	10.0	..
26.2	11.4	Aust Comp Fnd	10.4	11.4	10.90
25.4	10.9	6% W'draw	9.9	10.9	..
31.5	14.8	Sector Ldrs (3)	14.1	15.0	7.95
24.3	8.3	Fin & Prop (3)	7.4	9.4	7.73
31.5	22.0	Int Growth (4)	20.0	22.0	4.65
25.7	13.5	Nth Sea (3)	12.2	13.5	4.60
45.0	24.0	Commodity (5)	21.6	24.1	10.20
49.1	26.9	Do Accum (5)	26.9	29.0	10.20
49.1	24.6	10% W'draw (5)	22.3	24.9	..
		Key Fund Managers. 25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
79.0	33.2	Cap Fund	31.8	33.8	7.84
97.9	50.1	Exempt Fnd (36)	50.0	52.1	10.42
60.2	34.5	Inc Fnd	32.6	34.8	14.00
99.1	43.5	KPIF	41.2	43.6	6.50
		Lawson Securities 63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
24.6	21.6	Gilt & Warrant	22.6	24.6	3.60
99.0	35.0	High Yield Fnd	36.0	38.6	11.30
56.5	25.4	Do Accum	27.4	29.5	11.30
48.0	49.0	Scottish Res	47.0	49.0	3.00
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
60.0	25.4	Dist	25.0	26.4	8.28
62.0	30.4	Accum	28.5	30.4	8.28
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers. 71 Lombard Street, London, EC3 01-626 1500			
53.6	19.1	1st Inc	18.3	19.6	6.76
60.9	22.9	Do Accum	22.0	23.4	6.46
36.2	21.9	2nd Inc	20.6	21.7	7.55
60.6	25.6	Do Accum	24.1	26.8	7.55
36.5	13.2	3rd Inc	13.1	13.7	11.51
80.3	39.3	Do Accum	37.0	39.3	11.51
		Morgan Grenfell Funds. 23 Gt Winchester St, London, EC2. 01-588 4545			
146.5	70.8	Cap (3)	65.9	70.8	4.00
113.0	51.5	Exempt (26)	49.8	51.5	8.30
51.5	23.2	Inc (3)	22.2	23.2	11.00
15.11	7.18	Ins Agency (4) £	6.99	7.37	4.00
		M & G Securities. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
139.7	82.2	M & G General	79.3	84.7	6.26
199.8	108.0	Do Accum	104.4	111.5	6.26
150.2	77.7	2nd Gen	74.7	80.9	7.21
195.2	101.3	Do Accum	100.1	105.6	7.21
139.1	53.3	Mid & Gen	50.5	53.5	11.36
176.6	73.9	Do Accum	70.0	73.9	11.36
96.8	41.6	Div Fnd	39.6	41.9	14.06
136.7	65.1	Do Accum	62.1	65.5	14.06
141.8	63.5	Special Trst	60.6	62.9	5.85
125.3	71.1	Do Accum	67.8	71.5	5.85
260.0	56.1	Magnum Fnd	52.2	55.4	5.14
283.9	148.4	Do Accum	144.5	153.6	5.14
68.5	27.6	FITS	26.3	27.9	6.57
73.4	30.3	Do Accum	28.8	30.4	6.57
90.8	46.5	Compound	46.7	49.3	5.26
142.8	81.7	Recovery	77.8	82.1	10.36
50.0	26.1	Extra Yield	24.8	26.3	16.35
50.0	28.2	Do Accum	27.8	29.4	16.35
117.0	68.9	Japan	69.2	73.7	1.35
56.9	36.9	Euro & Gen	36.1	38.4	3.99
49.0	18.5	American & Gen	19.5	21.0	2.62
56.1	26.8	Australasian	33.9	36.1	3.69
52.7	22.2	Far East Inc	20.8	22.2	2.82
52.7	22.5	Do Accum	21.1	22.5	2.82
140.9	55.8	Trustee Fnd	53.1	56.3	10.80
200.7	88.4	Do Accum	84.0	89.3	10.80
153.9	61.4	Charifund* (2)	60.7	61.7	11.36
136.0	55.6	Pension* (1)	53.7	55.6	9.33
43.1	19.6	NAACIF	17.9	..	17.26
85.7	47.7	Do Accum	48.0	..	17.26
60.7	30.6	M&G Conv	30.7	32.4	2.85
74.2	34.1	Clyde Gen	32.2	34.1	8.26
83.0	41.1	Do Accum	39.0	41.1	8.26
73.4	36.6	Clyde High Inc	34.9	36.8	14.96
83.3	46.4	Do Accum	44.3	46.7	14.96
99.7	69.8	ManagedBonds	66.7	70.1	..
		National Group Of Unit Trusts. 3-5 Norwich St, E.C.4. 01-831 6212			
54.2	24.9	Century	23.7	25.6	7.91
53.2	26.3	Com Cons	25.3	27.2	6.99
56.2	20.0	Domestic	19.1	20.6	10.08
73.6	36.4	Gas Ind Power	34.6	37.1	7.73
59.8	28.4	Hundred Secs	26.5	28.4	7.29
48.5	18.3	Inv Gen	17.0	18.8	8.37
80.5	26.3	Do 2nd Gen	31.2	33.9	9.21
82.1	45.1	Natbifs	42.3	45.2	6.43
50.8	27.0	Nat Cons	26.2	28.3	7.01
191.0	86.2	Do 'D' 2nd	80.2	86.3	8.81
79.5	43.0	Do High Inc	40.5	43.4	10.10
57.6	22.7	NUFITS	20.9	22.7	7.67
79.1	51.5	Nat Resources	50.9	53.9	7.36
165.3	78.8	Prov Inv Trst	71.2	78.8	6.94
70.2	30.5	Scot Units	27.9	30.3	7.92
83.7	39.6	Security 1st	36.5	39.6	9.27
71.1	38.2	Shamrock	35.7	38.2	8.86
48.8	29.7	Shield	28.5	30.4	6.05
113.0	57.6	Universal 2nd	54.7	57.9	8.16
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd. 48 Gracechurch St, EC3. 01-623 4200			
47.1	20.8	NPI Accum (15)	19.5	20.8	8.40
46.3	19.1	Do Dist (15)	17.9	19.1	8.40
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers. 41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-637 6044			
61.2	30.5	Capital	30.7	32.7	4.46
35.3	15.2	Income	14.4	15.3	10.22
42.0	19.9	Financial	20.5	21.9	4.18
91.7	47.4	Growth	45.7	48.8	6.12
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296 5941			
196.0	113.0	Equity	110.0	116.0	3.91
95.8	80.0	Income Fund	75.8	80.9	8.52
103.2	80.9	International	81.1	86.3	2.60
95.1	77.2	Smaller Co's	73.9	78.6	4.84
		Norwich Union Insurance Group. PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
94.5	98.1	Grp Tst Fnd (3)	93.2	98.1	11.50
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 3-5 Norwich Street, EC4. 01-831 6212			
43.6	24.6	Financial	23.5	24.9	6.26
33.7	13.2	General	12.7	13.5	6.89
56.6	20.9	Growth	20.6	21.9	8.19
57.5	20.5	Do Accum	18.7	19.8	8.19
34.1	15.4	High Income	14.7	15.6	10.96
29.9	11.4	Investment	10.7	11.4	7.82
34.4	19.3	Overseas	19.7	20.9	4.77
56.4	28.6	Performance	27.3	29.1	6.72
34.4	14.0	Progressive	13.8	14.0	6.89
31.9	13.9	Recovery	13.0	13.9	6.22
		Pearl-Montagu Trust Managers Ltd. 114 Old Broad St, GPO Box 525 EC3. 01-588 6464			
30.4	10.7	Growth	9.9	10.7	6.33
30.8	11.4	Do Accum	10.6	11.4	6.33
32.6	14.1	Income	13.1	14.1	10.95
34.6	15.1	Trust	14.9	16.1	9.78
41.2	18.5	Do Accum	17.2	18.6	9.78
		Pelican Unit Administration. 81 Fountain St, Manchester. 061 236 5685			
67.6	31.1	Pelican	30.2	31.7	8.48
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 1 Love Lane, London, EC2. 01-606 9744			
38.0	25.1	Inc & Growth	23.0	25.5	3.80
42.3	22.0	Extra Inc	19.5	22.0	12.25
		Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd. 10 Charterhouse Sq, London, EC1. 01-251 0544			
103.4	29.3	Portfolio Cap	26.6	29.3	7.16
100.8	41.9	Grwth With Inc	40.0	41.9	8.11
88.6	17.6	Private Port	16.0	17.6	10.51
54.1	34.7	Shenley Port	32.6	35.0	7.14
		Practical Investment Co Ltd. Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8893			
148.5	61.9	Pract Inc (3)	55.7	62.0	6.20
177.8	78.9	Do Accum (3)	71.0	79.0	6.90
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd. 100 Cannon St, London, EC4. 01-626 0577			
71.4	39.7	Prolific	37.4	40.1	5.83
47.2	41.1	Do High Inc	39.4	42.2	12.98
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
125.0	49.0	Prudential	46.5	49.0	8.55
		Save & Prosper Group 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717. Dealings to 01-554 8899. Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351			
		Ebor Securities.			
64.3	34.8	Universal Growth	35.7	38.1	2.64
64.7	24.0	Capital Accum	22.5	24.0	8.03
43.0	22.0	General	21.5	23.0	8.48
53.8	23.1	High Return	21.6	23.1	11.75
64.0	41.0	Commodity	41.2	44.0	7.30
54.1	31.8	Energy	34.5	36.9	3.35
54.8	20.3	Financial	19.6	21.0	4.94
58.1	23.3	Prop & Build	22.2	23.7	7.57
115.6	46.0	Select Grwth (9)	44.3	46.9	2.63
104.6	40.7	Select Inc (9)	38.9	40.7	12.46
192.2	133.5	Comm Pen (3)	133.9	141.4	7.90
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.			
40.8	17.2	Capital	16.0	17.2	4.79
83.3	36.9	Financial Secs	36.5	39.1	4.16
29.6	11.3	Investment	10.5	11.3	6.82
81.2	52.9	Euro Growth	54.1	57.8	2.03
73.4	42.3	Japan Growth	44.6	47.6	1.99
93.9	43.7	US Growth	44.2	47.2	2.43
47.8	18.7	General	17.9	19.1	8.80
50.3	23.5	High Yield	22.2	23.7	10.94
41.9	19.6	Income	18.4	19.6	12.76
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
56.6	22.8	Scotbits	22.1	23.6	4.88
51.8	23.8	Scotyields	22.3	23.8	10.74
64.2	25.8	Scotgrowth	24.1	25.8	6.19
58.0	23.8	Scotshares	22.3	23.9	6.23
290.8	137.3	Scotfunds	137.5	143.7	3.02
58.3	21.7	Scotincome	20.6	21.7	11.86
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd. 120 Cheapside, London, E.C.3 01-248 3252			
129.0	41.6	Capital (16)	40.2	41.6	7.48
156.5	45.6	Do Accum	44.6	46.2	7.48
146.5	57.1	Income (16)	55.7	57.7	13.21
186.8	71.4	Do Accum	70.2	72.7	13.21
79.0	21.6	General (3)	23.7	24.6	9.35
83.0	28.2	Do Accum	26.2	27.2	9.35
43.7	27.1	Europe (18)	27.2	28.4	2.19
44.6	28.2	Do Accum	27.7	29.4	2.19
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd. 28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh 031-556 9101			
25.9	25.0	Equitable	25.0	..	..
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd. Jessel Britannia Group. 155 Fenchurch St, London, EC3 01-623 7565			
65.1	40.0	Brit Comm Plus	39.5	42.5	9.79
49.3	19.7	Do General	18.7	20.1	10.07
41.0	20.7	Extra Income	19.3	20.7	14.06
21.9	15.0	High Income	16.7	18.0	17.39
35.5	20.0	Jersey Capital	21.1	22.7	9.47
30.6	38.4	Do Growth Ldn	34.1	35.9	10.24
62.9	36.2	Do Global	35.8	38.3	4.91
143.7	115.7	Do Gold & G	143.7	154.5	5.20
59.9	29.9	Do Income	26.9	28.9	13.27
24.5	15.7	Do Invest	14.6	16.7	8.72
62.2	22.4	Do New Issue	20.9	22.4	13.03
52.5	9.9	Do Prop & G	8.4	9.0	8.43
32.4	30.6	Do Plant & G	29.0	31.2	10.97
28.0	13.5	Aust & Gen (1)	14.7	15.8	4.42
23.6	18.2	JL Int Cons	17.7	19.0	6.27
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd. 47-57 Gresham St, London, EC2. 01-606 4747			
62.1	37.1	Growth	34.7	37.4	8.72
51.9	27.4	Assets	29.0	31.1	10.16
36.4	24.5	Capital Accum	23.2	24.9	7.23
21.4	20.3	Financial	20.2	21.3	7.80
53.8	37.5	High Income	33.1	37.6	10.98
545.7	277.0	Professional	268.1	277.0	7.97
20.0	14.3	Status Change	13.7	14.6	8.33
119.9	88.6	Minerals Tst	91.3	95.1	7.11
25.0	24.6	North American	23.8	25.1	5.00
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers. 45 Charlotte St, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271			
105.9	27.8	American	25.0	27.8	4.05
100.0	55.5	British Cap	52.0	55.5	7.80
		Talisman Fund Managers. Plantation Hse, Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
43.2	16.4	Talisman (3)	15.2	16.4	3.38
29.1	10.1	Do Int	10.0	10.8	4.60
		Target Trust Managers Ltd. Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
42.0	16.3	Consumer	15.3	16.3	9.96
71.6	31.4	Financial	29.0	31.4	7.12
54.7	20.2	Equity	19.2	20.6	7.81
183.3	84.1	Exempt*	81.1	84.1	8.71
193.6	98.3	Do Accum (3)	94.8	98.3	8.71
38.8	15.9	Growth	14.9	15.9	6.88
28.0	17.7	International	18.1	19.3	3.48
19.4	18.0	Do Re-invest	18.4	19.6	3.49
30.1	12.3	Investment	11.5	12.3	6.19
179.9	72.2	Professional (3)	70.2	72.2	9.16
25.5	11.5	Income	10.9	11.6	13.63
17.2	10.1	Preference	9.3	10.1	17.14
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd. 19 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
35.0	15.1	Eagle	15.4	16.4	8.00
40.7	18.1	Thistle	17.0	18.1	11.00
52.8	30.1	Claymore Fnd	30.1	31.8	4.94
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks. 0296 5941			
47.5	16.2	General	15.7	16.7	8.26
44.8	18.5	Do Accum	17.9	19.0	8.26
		Transatlantic & General Securities Co. 99 New London Rd, Chelmsford 51651			
95.3	32.6	Barbican (4)	30.4	32.6	8.88
116.9	42.6	Do Accum	39.8	42.6	8.88
78.5	45.2	Buckingham (4)	44.5	47.9	6.40
81.6	49.2	Do Accum	49.4	53.2	6.40
104.1	52.3	Colemco	49.7	52.3	10.93
104.1	55.4	Do Accum	52.7	55.4	10.93
71.9	30.7	Glen Fund (2)	29.0	30.7	9.46
73.7	34.5	Do Accum	32.6	34.5	9.46
102.9	47.8	G'chester* (5)	54.1	56.7	4.17
101.6	64.1	Ldn & Brus'ls	61.2	64.1	3.46
53.6	31.1	Marlborough	31.0	34.5	5.99
53.8	32.6	Do Accum	33.4	36.1	5.99
83.7	37.1	Merlin (1)	35.7	37.5	9.48
85.7	40.0	Do Accum	38.4	40.4	9.48
49.6	24.4	Merlin Yield	23.2	24.4	14.76
50.4	27.4	Do Accum	26.1	27.4	14.76
57.5	20.6	Vanguard (2)	19.3	20.8	7.18
61.3	23.1	Do Accum	21.6	23.4	7.18
51.2	31.7	Wickmoor	30.2	31.7	8.87
51.2	33.2	Do Accum	31.7	33.2	8.87
		Trident Funds. (Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd.) 140 South St, Dorking. Dorking 86441			
30.2	11.2	Performance	10.4	11.2	8.72
55.1	23.5	Income Fund	22.6	23.5	13.69
50.9	19.7	10% Withdrwl	18.9	19.7	..
61.1	34.7	Int Growth	33.1	35.2	4.48
23.8	21.7	AmerGrwth	20.4	21.7	2.15
		Tyndall Managers Ltd. 18 Canynge Road, Bristol. 0272 32241			
122.2	52.4	Income	49.8	52.4	10.55
164.4	78.8	Do Accum	75.0	78.8	10.55
145.0	58.8	Capital	56.0	58.8	5.93
171.2	73.6	Do Accum	70.0	73.6	5.93
110.6	34.2	Canynge Fund	34.4	36.2	8.63
115.4	40.2	Do Accum	38.2	40.2	8.63
128.6	48.8	Exempt*	46.4	48.8	7.38
144.6	58.8	Do Accum	56.0	58.8	7.38
115.8	42.8	Local Auth*	40.6	42.8	6.81
126.4	49.4	Do Accum	47.0	49.4	6.81
		Tyndall National & Commercial. 18 Canynge Road, Bristol. 0272 32241			
140.0	67.4	Income (27)	64.4	67.4	9.57
175.4	81.2	Do Accum	77.6	81.2	9.57
162.8	54.0	Capital (27)	51.6	54.0	6.91
172.6	60.6	Do Accum	58.0	60.6	6.91
		Unit Trust Account & Management. 5-6 Mincing Lane, EC3M. 01-623 4951			
102.0	67.0	Friars Hse Fnd	63.0	67.0	8.00
34.1	12.9	Gt Winchester	12.2	12.9	10.02
24.9	12.4	Do Overseas	11.8	12.4	9.00
		Vavasseur Group of Unit Trusts. 11-13 Crosswall, EC3N 2LJ. 01-481 1144			
59.3	33.0	Aust Trst	32.1	34.2	7.20
30.4	20.6	Cap Accum	20.0	21.3	6.68
47.4	25.7	European	26.6	28.3	4.14
54.2	25.2	Far East Tst	24.3	25.9	6.42
34.0	22.0	Financial	20.8	22.2	6.70
38.3	23.4	High Income	22.1	23.6	16.26
29.4	14.9	Inc & Assets	14.2	15.1	10.11
33.3	17.2	International	17.0	18.1	8.00
31.0	12.2	Int Trst	11.5	12.2	8.34
50.0	26.4	Nth American	31.1	33.2	3.69
34.4	20.2	Oil & Nat Res	20.5	21.8	5.55
105.2	50.8	Pers Portfolio	59.3	61.7	7.36

Insurance Bonds and Funds

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Life Assurance Co Ltd. 190 Strand, London, WC2R 1DY. 01-836 6600			
37.9	16.3	Equity Trst (3)	15.4	16.3	..
28.4	12.7	Do Accum (3)	12.0	12.7	..
96.1	100.0	Money Fd Unit	96.1	101.2	..
101.5	100.0	Pension Sec	..	101.5	..
101.6	100.0	Do Managed	..	101.6	..
71.1	42.4	Sel Inv (3)	39.9	42.4	..
62.2	38.2	Do Pen (3)	38.0	38.2	..
155.5	94.4	Prop Units (27)	89.9	94.4	..
141.0	89.2	Do Accum (27)	84.0	89.2	..
145.4	94.2	Do Pen (27)	86.7	94.2	..
100.9	100.0	Conv Bnd	100.9	106.3	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd. 3 Pavilion Bldgs, Brighton, BN1 1EE. 0273 21917			
96.8	100.0	Triad Man Bnd	98.3	104.5	..
		Atlantic Assurance Atlantic Hse, Billingshurst, Sussex. 040-381 3451			
105.7	100.0	All-Weather Ac	106.7	112.3	..
105.8	100.8	Do Capital	105.8	111.3	..
150.0	97.0	Invest Fnd	102.0	..	..
173.5	88.0	Pension Fnd	88.0	..	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co. Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-555 1211			
96.0	68.5	Barclaybonds	65.0	68.5	..
		Canada Life Assurance. 6 Charles II St, London, SW1. 01-930 6122			
58.1	27.9	Equity Growth	28.6	..	..
128.2	58.0	Retirement	60.1	..	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd. 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
13.78	7.50	Equity Units £	7.39	..	..
122.0	69.0	Do Accum	69.0	..	..
97.0	46.0	Do Annuity	45.0	..	..
854.0	714.9	Prop Units	720.9	..	..
962.0	756.0	Do Accum	806.0	..	..
9.13	8.02	Exec Bal £	8.03	..	..
8.76	5.19	Exec Equity £	5.19	..	..
11.33	9.59	Exec Prop £	9.55	..	..
9.95	8.45	Bal Bond £	8.03	8.60	..
5.83	5.19	Equity Bond £	5.19	5.49	..
11.32	9.26	Prop Bond £	9.55	10.11	..
9.76	8.02	Bal Units £	8.03	..	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society. 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9644			
73.1	64.8	1st Units	61.8	68.8	..
50.9	48.4	Prop Units	44.5	46.7	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co. 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 6944. Valuation last working day of month.			
46.1	40.9	W'minster Units	40.9	42.9	..
68.2	56.0	Land Bank	60.4	..	..
44.5	36.6	Speculator	36.6	..	..
155.0	131.0	Prop Annuity	132.0	134.6	..
100.4	100.0	Inv Option Bnd	100.4	105.6	..
		2nd Managed Fund			
121.1	46.9	Performance	113.0	..	..
115.4	103.9	Balanced	113.7	119.6	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	100.0	..	..
		Commercial Union Group. St. Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
40.3	15.5	Variable An Acc	18.6	..	..
14.9	10.2	Do Ann	10.2	..	..
		Cornhill Insurance 32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410. Valuation 15th of month			
165.0	70.5	Capital Fnd	70.5	..	..
68.5	27.5	GS Special	27.5	..	..
98.0	86.0	Man Grwth (23)	81.5	86.0	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co. Addiscombe Rd, Croydon 01-686 4300			
134.0	92.6	Crown Brit Inv	93.6	..	..
		Crusader Insurance. Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031. Valuation 1st Tuesday of month			
61.5	50.8	Crusader Prop	47.0	50.5	..
		Eagle Star Insurance Midland Assurance. PO Box 173, NLA Tower, Croydon. 01-681 1031			
56.0	24.3	Eagle Units	23.8	24.7	11.97
56.0	24.3	Midland Units	24.0	24.9	11.42
		Fidelity Life Assurance Ltd. Corporation St, High Wycombe, Bucks. 35821			
48.8	31.5	Am Grth Fnd (1)	33.7	35.5	..
22.9	16.0	Flexible Fnd	15.5	16.3	..
56.1	36.0	Trst of Trsts	35.0	36.0	..
52.5	38.2	Do Cap	36.6	38.6	..
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group. Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
169.4	137.7	Prop Bond	133.9	139.5	..
115.0	85.9	Pen Man Bonds	82.6	85.9	..
		Hambro Life Assurance. 7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
145.5	77.8	Equity	73.9	77.8	..
134.7	120.3	Property	115.0	122.3	..
122.2	84.4	Managed Cap	79.4	84.4	..
136.6	91.8	Do Accum	86.3	91.8	..
142.5	127.0	Pen Prop Cap	127.3	134.1	..
157.3	135.1	Do Accum	144.8	152.5	..
131.0	121.7	Pen Man Cap	115.6	121.7	..
143.4	130.2	Do Accum	131.4	138.4	..
102.3	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	102.3	107.8	..
108.0	100.0	Pen Fl Cap	102.5	108.0	..
106.0	100.0	Do Accum	106.0	111.7	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society. Euston Road, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
35.2	29.8	Prop Bond	27.8	29.6	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd. NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
159.5	122.8	HS Prop Units	116.9	122.8	..
97.8	78.8	Fortune Man (5)	74.8	78.8	..
96.6	100.0	Money Fnd	96.6	103.8	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd. 114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42577			
70.3	28.4	Hodge Bonds	27.0	28.4	..
80.5	41.1	Takeover	39.1	41.1	..
23.7	25.0	Hodge Life Eq	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Mortgage Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Conv High Yld	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Overseas Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Fully Managed	23.7	25.0	..
		Individual Life Insurance Co Ltd. 45 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT. 0323 36711			
98.7	68.0	Equities	70.4	74.2	..
107.8	94.5	Fixed Int	107.4	113.1	..
99.4	95.4	Managed	95.0	100.0	..
102.1	100.5	Property	100.6	105.9	..
109.9	100.0	MoneyFund	96.9	102.1	..
106.0	99.2	King & Shaxson	97.4	99.4	..
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance. 8 Devereux Court, London, WC2. 01-353 8897			
107.6	59.5	Lion Equity	57.0	..	..
113.3	78.0	Do Accum	78.0	..	..
63.2	46.4	Lion Man Grwth	45.8	48.4	..
61.8	43.8	Do Cap	41.5	43.8	..
75.6	52.5	Lion Prop Fnd	52.9	..	..
85.4	48.7	Lion High Yield	48.7	..	..
113.3	84.1	Do Equity Pen	84.1	..	..
78.8	54.7	Do Prop Pen	55.2	..	..
85.4	58.7	Do H Yld Pen	55.7	..	..
		Irish Life Assurance. 11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 9385			
157.9	134.8	Prop Modules	142.5	149.9	4.83
102.2	100.0	Managed Fnd	98.4	103.6	..
75.9	33.0	Blue Chip Fnd	32.3	34.0	8.00
		Langham Life Assurance. Migdal Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2. 01-628 8881			
136.9	105.6	Property Bnd	100.3	105.6	..
30.9	22.3	Prop Units (Lis)	21.2	22.3	..
136.8	105.6	Prop Fnd Units	100.3	105.6	..
97.3	45.3	Midas Bond (34)	43.0	45.3	..
97.3	43.0	Cap Accum (34)	43.0	..	..
50.6	52.9	WISP (SpecMan)	50.6	53.2	..
		Life & Equity Assurance Co. Ltd. Northcliffe Hse, Colston Ave, Bristol. 297281			
27.5	21.5	Secure Bet	27.5	29.5	..
47.0	18.0	Select Inv	17.0	18.5	..
24.0	18.0	Do 2nd	17.0	18.0	..
24.5	19.5	Gilt Fnd	24.0	25.5	..
21.0	15.5	Equity Fnd	14.5	15.5	..
97.9	100.0	Deposit Fnd	97.0	102.5	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd. 12 Leadenhall St, EC3M 7LS. 01-623 6621			
101.7	73.8	Mult Grwth Fnd	73.8	..	..
98.6	72.4	Opt 4 Equity	68.7	72.4	..
98.6	100.0	Do Property	97.3	102.5	..
98.4	95.9	Do High Yield	91.1	95.9	..
99.0	100.0	Do Managed	95.0	100.1	..
97.1	100.0	Do Deposit	97.1	102.3	..
101.7	100.0	Pen Dep Fnd	101.7	107.1	..
101.9	100.0	Do Equity Fnd	101.9	107.3	..
101.9	100.0	Do FI Fnd	101.9	107.3	..
101.8	100.0	Do Man Fnd	101.8	107.2	..
98.8	100.0	Do Prop Fnd	99.8	104.1	..
		London Indemnity & General Ins Co Ltd. Northcliffe Hse, Colston Ave, Bristol. 297281			
26.8	15.3	Money Manager	14.9	15.8	..
100.0	100.0	Do Deposit	96.3	101.5	..
24.2	15.8	Do Flex Fnd	15.0	15.8	..
24.3	24.9	Do Fixed Int	23.9	25.3	..
24.0	25.0	Do Managed	24.0	25.4	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance. Manulife Hse, Stevenage Herts. 0438-56101			
38.0	17.8	Manulife (5)	16.9	17.8	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance. 125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
105.4	100.0	ConvDepBnd	105.4	..	..
101.3	100.0	Do Pension	101.3	..	..
101.4	40.0	Equity Bond	40.0	..	..
102.0	91.1	Do Pension	91.1	..	..
116.7	81.7	Managed Bond	81.7	..	..
100.3	96.8	Do Pension	96.8	..	..
103.7	100.0	Money Market	103.7	..	..
100.0	100.0	Do Pension	101.2	..	..
150.8	24.7	Property Bond	117.4	..	..
145.1	24.7	Do Pension	110.6	..	..
		M & G Assurance. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
119.5	60.4	Equity Bond (4)	58.0	61.5	..
93.9	42.9	Do Bonus	41.2	42.9	..
101.4	48.4	Int'l Bnd (4)	50.5	53.2	..
115.4	66.9	Fam Bnd 1976	97.5	..	..
139.9	66.8	Do 1977/80	73.6	..	..
77.1	72.7	Do 1981/86	72.7	..	..
44.5	29.8	Mirror Bonds	29.8	..	..
164.1	86.1	Pers Pen (5)	85.0	87.8	..
139.9	111.4	Prop Fnd (4)	108.2	113.7	..
		Nation Life Insurance. Nation Hse, Teddington, Mddx. 01-977 8811			
156.5	134.1	Prop Bonds	156.3	163.5	..
88.5	54.4	Do Perf (1969)	58.1	..	..
122.0	112.7	Capital	117.1	123.3	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group. Surrey St, Norwich NOR 88A. 0603 22200. Valuation 3rd Wednesday of month			
95.0	100.0	Norwich Man (3)	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Do Equity (3)	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Do Prop (3)	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Do Fix Int (3)	95.0	100.0	..
154.2	80.9	Do Units	60.9	..	..
		Pearl-Montagu Assurance 252 High Holborn, London, EC2. 01-588 6454			
105.6	94.8	Prop Units	91.3	97.3	..
		Phoenix Assurance. 4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
108.9	59.1	Wealth Ass Bnd	57.9	61.0	..
55.2	38.1	Ebor Ass (31)	36.4	..	..
69.6	40.2	Ebor Endow (32)	38.3	40.2	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co. 119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857			
174.2	142.7	R Silk Prop Bnd	142.7	..	..
115.8	100.0	Do Bal Ag Bnd	105.8	..	..
100.3	95.8	Do Series (2)	95.8	..	..
107.8	68.6	Do Managed	68.6	..	..
102.7	71.3	Do Equity Bnd	73.1	..	..
102.4	100.0	Do Flex Mny	102.4	..	..
		Property Growth Assurance. 111 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JF. 01-928 0381			
176.0	147.5	Prop Growth (29)	147.5	..	..
751.0	556.0	AG Bond (29)	556.0	..	..
134.5	122.5	Abb Nat PG (29)	126.5	..	..
64.8	41.1	Shenley Inv (29)	43.1	..	..
104.4	100.0	Do Equity	104.4	..	..
106.4	100.0	Do Money	106.4	..	..
139.0	112.0	Ret Annuity (29)	118.0	..	..
126.0	106.0	Immed Ann (33)	106.0	..	..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd. Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH.			
19.64	8.71	Equity £	8.43		
10.93	10.01	Fixed Int £	9.86		
19.60	12.82	Property £	16.34		
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Tunbridge Wells, Kent.			
170.2	136.6	Rel Prop Bnd	136.8		
		Save & Prosper Group. 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP.			
99.8	90.8	Bal Bnd	96.9		
97.3	64.2	Equity Bnd	67.7		
29.2	13.8	Mini Bond (5)	14.1		
124.3	109.0	Prop Fnd (30)	103.5		
		Schroder Life Group.			
98.5	100.0	Fixed Interest	96.5		
98.1	95.5	Flexible Fnd	92.5		
244.2	91.9	Equity Fnd	91.0		
108.4	92.5	Do 2nd Ser	96.3		
109.2	100.0	PenFndCap	100.5		
113.3	100.0	PenFndAccum	113.3		
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Ass 9 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh.			
266.0	165.7	Inv Policy	171.1		
		Standard Life Assurance PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh.			
118.3	45.1	Unit Endowm't	49.2		
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd 2-4 Cockspur St, SW1.			
164.1	73.9	Maple Leaf (3)	75.9		
112.8	100.0	Personal Pen	112.1		
		Target Life Assurance Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks.			
97.3	100.0	Deposit Inc	97.2		
96.6	93.2	Fixed Interest	[illegible]		
100.1	95.5	Man Fnd Acc	[illegible]		
97.0	81.2	Do Income	[illegible]		
130.9	91.0	Prop Bnd Inc	[illegible]		
98.8	98.0	Do Income	[illegible]		
143.0	103.0	Do Accum	[illegible]		
76.6	38.7	Ret Ann Pen Cap	[illegible]		
73.1	32.9	Do Accum	30.7		
		Trident Life, Renslade Hse, Gloucester.			
95.5	93.5	Trident Man	93.3		
96.9	93.5	Do Guar Man	92.8		
103.6	100.0	Do Property	103.6		
93.0	61.0	Do Equity	58.5		
96.5	90.9	Do High Yield	96.2		
98.9	100.0	Do Money	98.9		
96.0	100.0	DoFiscalFnd	96.6		
198.5	29.0	Do Bonds	27.8		
88.34	87.10	Gilt Edged (5)	87.10		
		Tyndall Assurance. 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol.			
145.4	89.0	Prop Fnd (29)	89.0		
134.8	81.2	3 Way Fnd (29)	81.2		
		Welfare Insurance. The Leas, Folkestone, Kent.			
105.5	100.0	Capital Growth	105.5		
102.7	73.5	Flexible Fnd	73.5		
120.3	81.5	Inv Fnd	87.5		
131.9	92.1	Prop Fnd	93.1		
110.9	77.5	Money Maker	77.5		

Offshore and International

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I.	
100.4	60.3	Europ'n Str	66.2
		Barclays Unicorn International Church St, St Helier, Jersey.	
46.9	37.7	Jer Guer O'seas	37.9
		Barclays Unicorn International 11 Parliament St, Ramsey.	
47.9	40.0	Isle of Man Tst	38.0
		Brandts & Grindlay (Jersey) PO Box 80, Broad St, St Helier.	
149.0	78.0	Brandt Jersey	73.0
159.0	86.0	Do Accum	83.0
		Brandts Ltd. 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3.	
78.38	53.23	O'seas Fnd $	52.90
		Calvin Bullock Ltd. 80 Bishopsgate, London, EC2.	
785.0	535.0	Bullock Fnd	561.0
612.0	456.0	Canadian Fnd	509.0
279.0	217.0	Canadian Inv	241.0
203.0	140.0	Div Shares	147.0
705.0	449.0	NY Venture Fnd	330.0
		Charterhouse Japhet. 1 Paternoster Row, EC4.	
41.40	24.30	Adiropa DM	25.00
50.50	29.20	Adiverba DM	[illegible]
34.80	25.50	Fondak DM	[illegible]
32.20	19.90	Fondis DM	19.30
125.50	40.00	Gen O'seas Swtr	[illegible]
69.29	44.00	Hispano $	[illegible]
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) PO Box 157, St Julians Ct St Peters Port	
94.5	91.0	Int Cap Man (20)	[illegible]
		Ebor Management (Jersey) 37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey.	
203.7	121.7	Channel Cap	[illegible]
111.9	67.6	Channel Isles	[illegible]
		Eurosyndical Group. Agents, N. M. Rothschild and New Ct, St Swithin's Lane EC4	
2.609	1.382	Eurunion Luxfr	[illegible]
539.0	261.0	Fin Union Luxfr	[illegible]
		Hambros (Guernsey) Hirzel Ct, St Peter Port, Guernsey.	
151.6	67.5	Channel Isles *	[illegible]
54.0	22.0	Do Ent Fnd †	[illegible]
		Oliver Heath & Co. 31 Malew St, Castletown IOM	
105.7	81.9	Brit Conv Tst	[illegible]
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar	
144.0	110.0	Gib Int Tst	[illegible]
135.5	93.5	Key City Inv	[illegible]
102.4	26.7	Warrant Fnd	[illegible]
		Kayanday Bermuda Management Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton,	
1.56	1.15	Bishopsgate $	[illegible]
		Keystone Fund of Boston 79 Lombard St, London, EC3.	
288.0	137.0	Polaris	[illegible]
372.0	237.0	K'stone Growth	[illegible]
		Lamont Investment Management 8 St Georges St, Douglas, IoM.	
25.0	17.6	Int Income (3)	[illegible]
		Manx International Management 30 Victoria St, Douglas, IoM	
27.5	13.0	Aust Min	[illegible]
181.6	87.0	Gtr Pacific	[illegible]
53.9	16.7	Manx Mutual	[illegible]
48.3	34.5	Manx Int Inc	[illegible]
69.6	34.8	Pan Aust Est	[illegible]
102.3	71.1	Sch Growth (27)	[illegible]
		M & G Group. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ	
150.0	58.3	Island Fnd *	[illegible]
183.6	73.0	Do Accum †	[illegible]
2.40	1.29	Atlantic Exp $	[illegible]
2.42	1.30	Aust & Gen $	[illegible]
		Old Court Fund Managers PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey	
54.2	26.8	Old Ct Eq (3)	[illegible]
100.1	85.9	Old Ct Int (35)	[illegible]
93.1	84.1	Smaller Co's	[illegible]
		Slater Walker (Jersey) 2-6 Church St, St Helier, Jersey.	
[illegible]	143.8	Growth Inv	[illegible]
76.4	45.5	Int'l Fnd	[illegible]
105.3	100.0	Jersey Energy	[illegible]
		Stellar Unit Trust Managers Victory Hse, Prospect Hill, Douglas	
[illegible]	28.4	Growth (10)	[illegible]
		Target Trust Managers (Cayman) PO Box 730, Grand Cayman, Ca	
2.16	0.43	Offshore $	[illegible]
		Tyndall Overseas Funds Management PO Box 1256, Hamilton, Berm	
1.59	0.81	Overseas $	[illegible]
1.80	1.12	Do Accum $	[illegible]
		Tyndall Managers (Jersey) 43 La Motte St, St Helier, Jersey.	
13.95	5.65	Overseas Str £	5.35
15.40	7.00	Do Accum £	6.65

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COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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MINES

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

INSURANCE

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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OIL

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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PROPERTY

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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TEA

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

RUBBER

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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MISCELLANEOUS

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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FOREIGN STOCKS

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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FOREIGN STOCKS

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OILS AND DISCOUNTS

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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SHIPPING

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

VERIES AND DISTILLERIES

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FINANCE

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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* Adjusted for tax changes. • Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Free-scrip issue. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adj for late dealings. . . No significant data.

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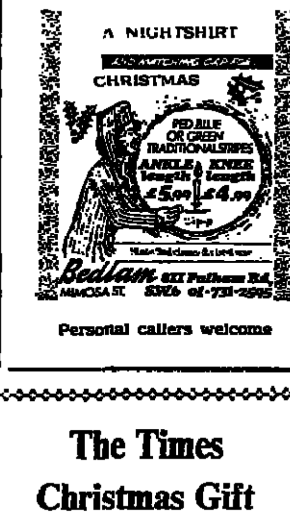

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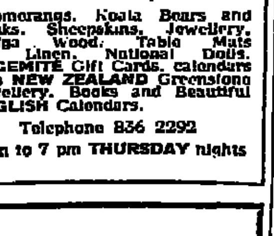

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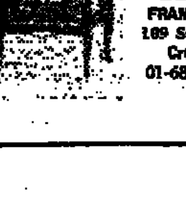

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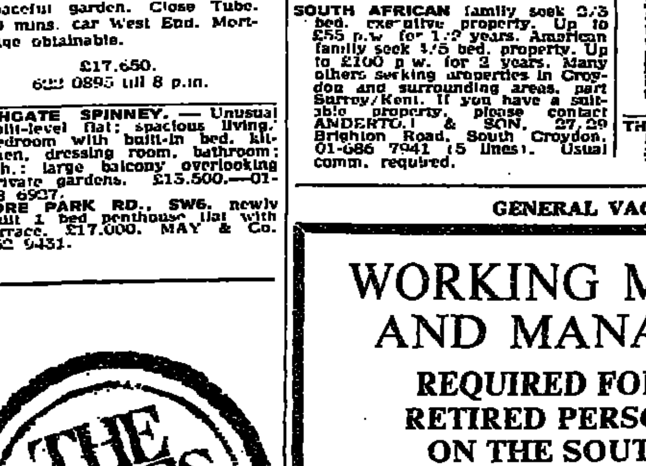

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DEATHS

ASCROFT.—On December 6th, 1974, peacefully at Seer Green, aged 96, Lady Eve Mary (nee Belk), widow of Sir William Ascroft, D.L., of Preston and Grasmere. Beloved mother and grandmother. Funeral service will take place at Preston Crematorium, 10.50 on Thursday, December 12th, followed by interment of cremated remains at Penwortham Parish Church. Flowers may be sent to Preston Crematorium.

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BAILLIE.—On Thursday, 5th December, 1974, in the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, after a short illness, Edward Oswald Baillie, of Mitchelhall, Haddington, East Lothian, and formerly of East Horsley, Surrey. Dearly loved husband of Renee and father of Andrew, Ted and Iain. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Haddington, on Monday, 9th December, at 2 p.m. Cremation private. Family flowers only. donations, if wished, to Help the Aged, c/o Royal Bank of Scotland, George Street, Edinburgh.

BOELENS, GEORGE EDWARD.—Father of Jenny and Ricky, on 4th December, 1974, at Twyford Abbey Nursing Home, aged 76 years. Cremation strictly private. No flowers, please, but if desired donations to Charterhouse-in-Southwark, can be sent to Messrs. Hewitt Woollacott & Chown, Solicitors, 115 Cannon St., London EC4N 5AU.

CULL.—On 6 December, 1974, Ernestine Muriel, aged 87, of Rydons, Ridgway, Wimbledon, and late Headmistress of Bath High School G.P.D.S.T.

CROCKER.—On December 5th, 1974, in a nursing home at Hove, Fanny Victoria, aged 77. Beloved wife of the late Walter Angus, mother of John and Peter and grandmother of Jacqueline, Charles and Julia. Service at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Tuesday, December 10th at 11.00 a.m. Flowers may be sent to Clarke & Son, 145 Sackville Road, Hove.

HASKARD.—On 6th December, 1974, Muriel May, widow of Lieut.-Colonel Dudley Haskard, M.C. Funeral at the Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Nicholas, Wilton, at 2.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 11th December. No flowers. Donations may be sent to The National Society for Cancer Relief, 30 Dorset Square, London, N.W.1.

HEYS.—On 5th December, peacefully in a nursing home, Wilhelmina Madeleine (Madge), aged 85 years. Beloved wife of Harold Claughton. Requiem at 9 a.m. and funeral service at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 10th December in Bishopsteignton Parish Church, followed by cremation at Torquay Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to British Heart Foundation.

JOHNSON.—On December 4th, peacefully at Twyford Abbey Nursing Home, Dudley Vaughan, M.C., H.A.C., and 23rd Middlesex Regiment, aged 85, beloved husband of Dorothy (nee Grinling, of Crouch End) who pre-deceased him, son of the late H. T. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, of St. Peter's Sq., Hammersmith. Service at Christ Church, Crouch End, 11.45 a.m., Tuesday December 10th, followed by cremation. Family flowers only.

KARPELES-SCHENKER.—On 5th December, peacefully, in her 90th year, Helen, beloved mother of Stephan and George. Cremation private.

KENWARD.—On 5th December, 1974, at home, Lady Ruth Kenward. Private cremation. No flowers, no letters, please.

KNOTT.—On 4th December, 1974, peacefully, Amy Flora, aged 105, wife of the late Michael Edward Knott, of Rydal (Mal). Cremation Tuesday, 10th December, at Golders Green Crematorium, at 10.45 a.m. Flowers to Kenyon & Kenyon, 74, Rochester Row, S.W.1.

LLOYD.—On December 5th, peacefully, at Parkfield Home, Kingston Hill, Alister Campbell Bowen Lloyd, aged 96, late of Waunifor, Cardiganshire and Hillcrest School, Swanage, Dorset. Much loved brother, uncle and friend. Funeral 11.30 a.m., Wednesday, December 11th, at St. Mary's Church, Swanage. Flowers to Fair Bros., 21, London Rd., Kingston-on-Thames, or donation to Friends of the Poor, 42, Ebury St., London, S.W.1.

MACPHERSON.—At Bournemouth, on 4th December, 1974, Norah Blanche Macpherson, aged 92 years, daughter of the late John Morton Macpherson, Writer to the Signet, Edinburgh, and Louisa Macpherson. Funeral on Tuesday, 10th December, at 10.45 a.m., at Bournemouth Crematorium.

MORRIS, H. C.—Peacefully, at his home in Broadstairs, on Nov. 28th, in his 93rd year. Funeral service at St. Peter's, Thanet, at 2 p.m. followed by cremation at 2.30 at Margate Crematorium.

PRIESTLEY.—Peacefully on 4th December at Droitwich, Kathleen, widow of Frederick and mother of Barry, Norman and Susan. Funeral at Worcester Crematorium on 9th December at 9.30 a.m.

RUSSELLBAILEY.—On Sat., 30th November, 1974, peacefully in hospital, Elisabeth Langdale RussellBailey. Funeral service to take place on Thursday, 12th December, 1974, at St. Mary's Church, Barnes, S.W.13, at 11.30 a.m. Flowers may be sent to F. H. Sanders & Sons, 55 Barnes High Street, Barnes, S.W.13.

SLOAN.—On December 5th, 1974, at Ellern Mede Nursing Home, in her 100th year, Amy Ethel, of Revelstoke, 28 Totteridge Village, wife of the late Arthur Henry Sloan and dear mother of Arthur Gordon and Peter (deceased). Service at Hendon Crematorium, Mill Hill, N.W.7, on Wednesday, December 11th, at 12.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to J. A. Clark & Son Ltd., 103 Wood Street, Barnet, before 11 a.m., please.

STONESTREET.—Albert H., in Boston, Mass., on November 27th, aged 79. Survived by his wife, Edyth, and son, Garth A.

THOMAS.—On December 6th, of 15 Pearl Court, Eastbourne, Freda Dorothy, aged 74 years, beloved wife of Edgar and dear mother of Peter, David and Michael. Funeral service Cheltenham Crematorium, Thursday, December 12th, at 11 a.m. Flowers may be sent to Philip Ford and Son, Funeral Directors Ltd., Dirleton House, Stroud, Glos.

THOMAS.—On Dec. 4th, Ernest Mortimer, aged 68 years, of Gardenside, Higher Metcombe, Ottery St. Mary, Devon. Funeral service Exeter and Devon crematorium Tuesday, 10th Dec. 11.0 a.m.

WRIGHT.—On Dec 5th, at a nursing home near Norwich, Norfolk, Constance Marguerita (Daisy), aged 95 years, formerly of Anston & Worksop. Funeral service St. James Anston Parish Church, Yorks., Monday, Dec 9th, at 2.30 p.m. Cut flowers suitable for hospital to the Church, c/o Mr R. B. Coppins, by 12 noon, please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HALL.—A service of thanksgiving for John Herbert George Hall, M.A., Personnel Director of the University Press, Oxford, will be held in the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin on Saturday, 14 December, at 12 o'clock.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

TWISS.—A thanksgiving service will be held for Prudence Twiss at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church, at noon on Thursday, 16th January, 1975.

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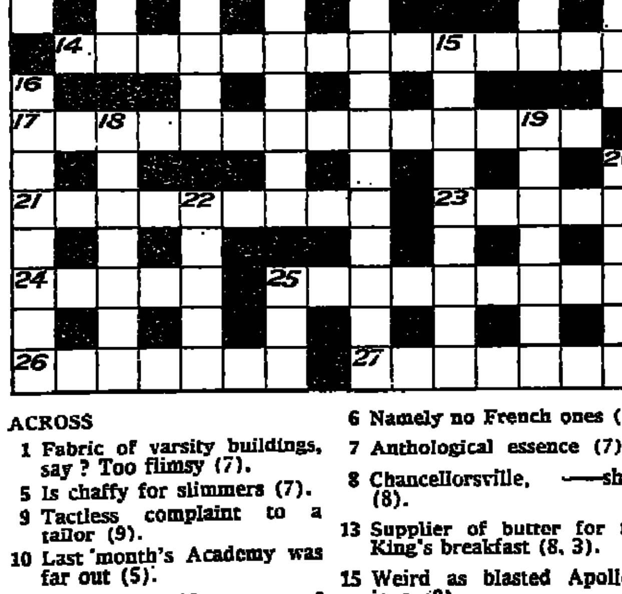


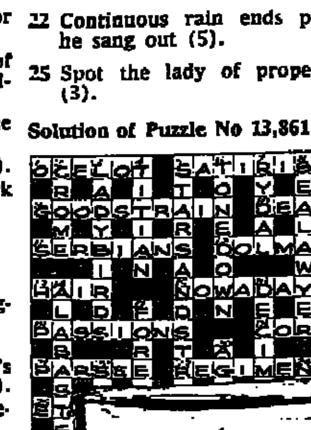
ACROSS

1 Fabric of varsity buildings, say? Too flimsy (7).
5 Is chaffy for slimmers (7).
9 Tactless complaint to a tailor (9).
10 Last month's Academy was far out (5).
11 One fool's odd measure of legal verbiage (5).
12 Standard standard (9).
14 Fly through the looking-glass (5-3-6).
17 Did he hope for spade guineas? (6-8).
21 Knock-down gravity beer power (4, 5).
23 Swim back from France for a Shakespeare part (5).
24 "An honourable badge of the service", said Fluellen (5).
25 Rings do for some of the crew (4, 5).
26 Reference of deference (7).
27 Ambushed when road-work completed? (7).

DOWN

1 Clowns sound like red-legged crows (6).
2 Hush-hush wear (7).
3 Put pints on points—what's the idea behind that? (9).
4 Suspense of the samphire-gatherer (11).
5 Cimex electronicus? (3).
6 Namely no French ones (5).
7 Anthological essence (7).
8 Chancellorsville, ——shire (8).
13 Supplier of butter for the King's breakfast (8, 3).
15 Weird as blasted Apollonians (9).
16 He's in the running (8).
18 Waves to Kate awheel (7).
19 Listen, you, to Philomela, said Arnold (7).
20 Not accustomed to what's new (6).
22 Continuous rain ends play he sang out (5).
25 Spot the lady of property (3).

Solution of Puzzle No 13,861



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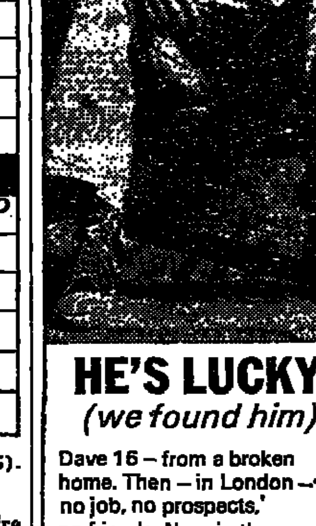

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